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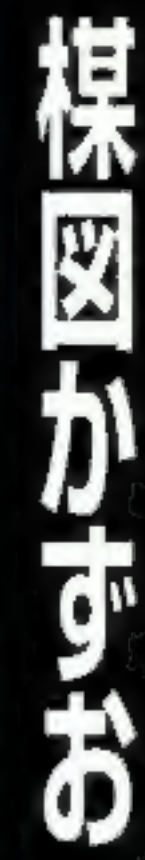
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『洗礼』『わたしは真悟』『おろち』など。

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「14歳の大厄年」は 突然にやって来る……

異形の天才の不気味な予言
人類は滅亡から逃れられないのか!?

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異形の天才、チキン・ジョージは、ついに不老不死の方法を完成させた! 全世界の経済を闇で支配する謎の大富豪、ローズ氏にその方法を買ったチキン・ジョージの目的は、動物たちを引き連れての地球脱出!! だが、彼ですら予測しなかった異変が突然に始まった……。人類は滅亡の運命から逃れられないのか!?

絶賛
発売中

HOTEL[全25巻] ————— 石ノ森章太郎
美味しんぼ[1~41巻] ————— 雁屋哲+花咲アキラ
のたり松太郎[1~14巻] ————— ちばてつや
いいひと。[1~16巻] ————— 高橋しん
月下の棋士[1~16巻] ————— 能條純一

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CHAPTER THREE - THE BLOOD OF IMMORTALITY





**A-ARE YOU
SERIOUS?!**



**I AM
ALSO
HESITANT
TO
AGREE
!!**



**YOU'RE
ACTUALLY
GOING TO
BELIEVE
THAT
THING?!**






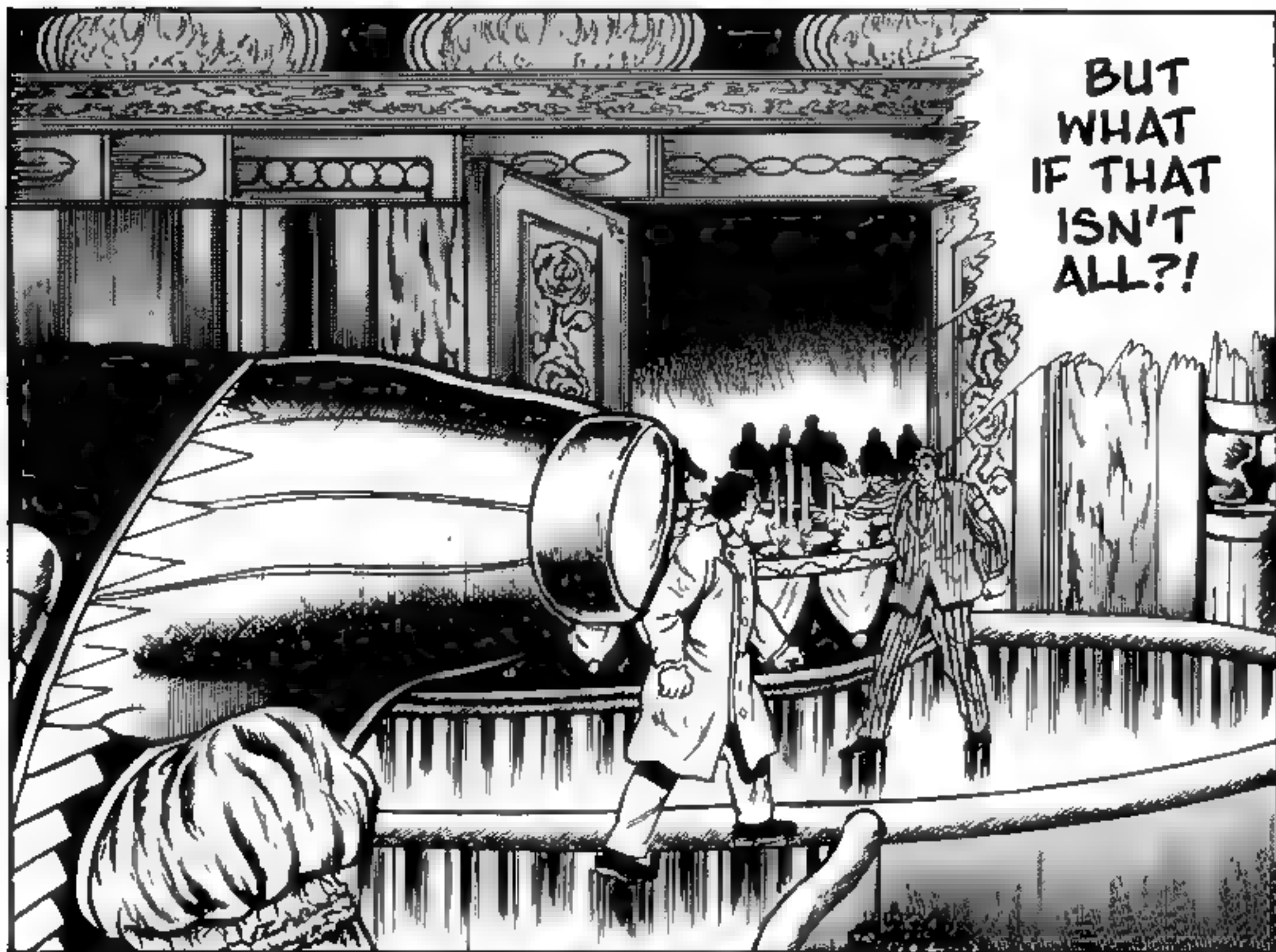
THERE-
FORE,
I AM
AGAINST
THIS
BY ALL
MEANS
!!



IF WE GIVE HIM
FINANCIAL POWER
ASIDE FROM THE
SCIENTIFIC POWER
HE ALREADY HAS,
DO YOU HAVE
ANY IDEA
WHAT WILL
HAPPEN?!



HE WILL MOST
CERTAINLY TAKE
THE ANIMALS
WITH HIM AND
TRY TO ESCAPE
INTO OUTER
SPACE!!



**BUT
WHAT
IF THAT
ISN'T
ALL?!**

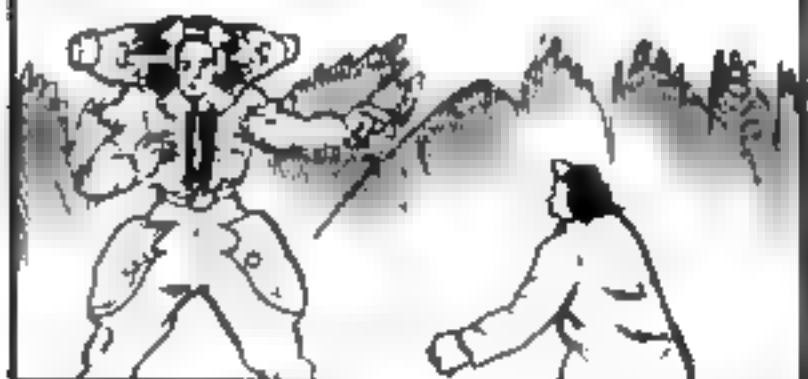


**HE MAY
ALSO TRY
TO DESTROY
THE HUMAN
RACE!!**



**EHHH
!?**

IT'S THE JOB OF A
POLITICIAN TO ALWAYS
SENSE THE UPS AND
DOWNS OF HIS COUNTRY,
AND STEER THINGS IN
THE PROPER DIRECTION!!



DO YOU
INTEND TO
DESTROY
THIS CHANCE
WHICH HAS
BEEN SO
PRESENTED
TO YOU?!



MR. PRESIDENT,
THOSE THOUGHTS
OF YOURS DO NOT
SOUND LIKE THOSE
OF A POLITICIAN
WHO REPRESENTS
OUR NATION!!



M-
MISTRESS
ROSE!!

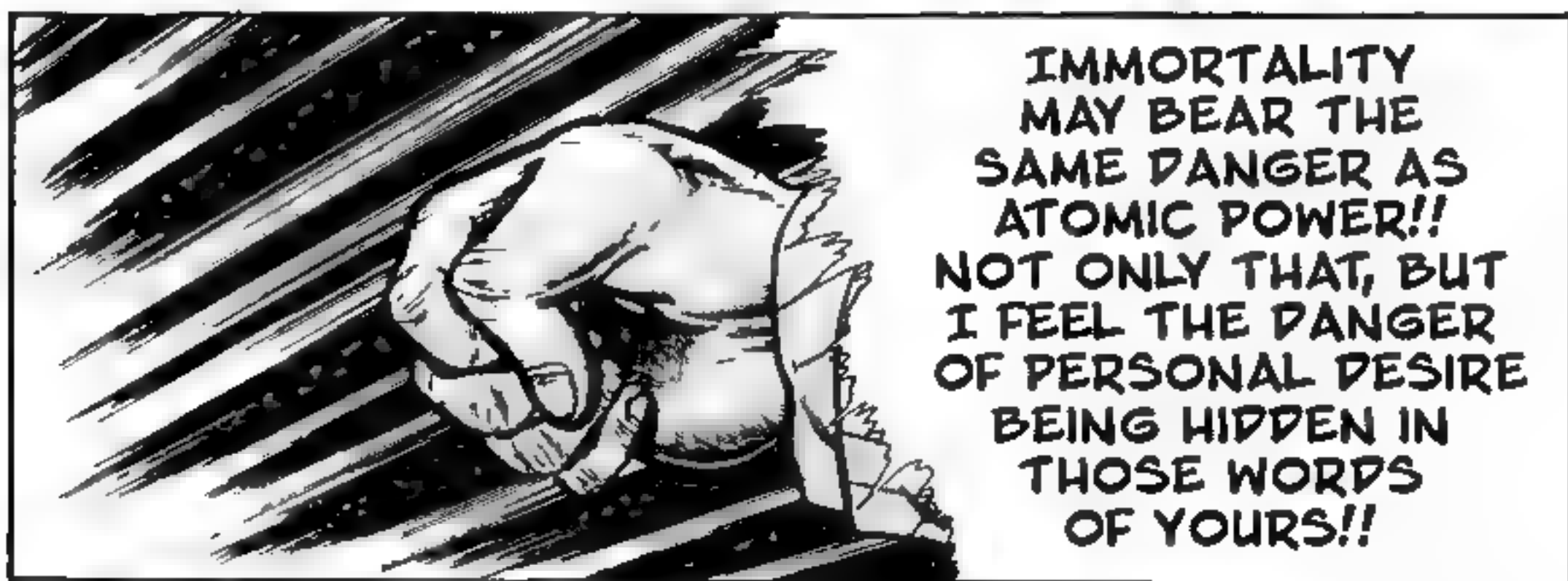


SFX: GATA

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JUST HOW MONSTROUS A CREATURE
IS THIS CHICKEN GEORGE?!
I'M NOT THE LEAST BIT AFRAID OF
HIM!! MORE IMPORTANTLY, IF
IMMORTALITY REALLY DOES EXIST,
DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA HOW
USEFUL IT COULD BE TO
THE HUMAN RACE?!







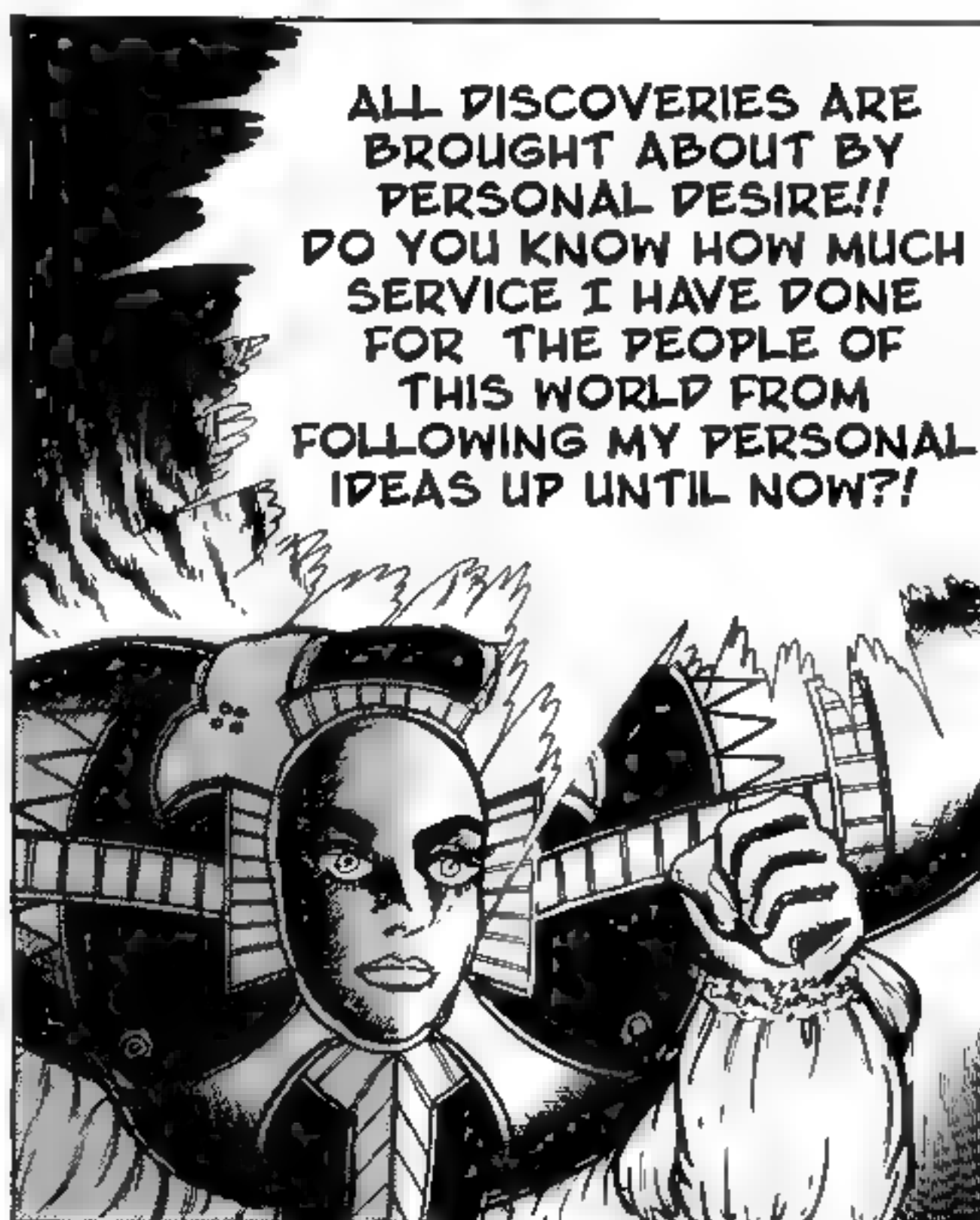
**SO WHAT
IF THERE
IS?!**



**EVEN IF THERE
IS PERSONAL
DESIRE HIDDEN
IN THEM, HOW
DOES THAT
CHANGE
ANYTHING?!**



**AS THE FINAL
GOAL OF MY
ENTERPRISE,
I WISH TO
UNVEIL THIS
SECRET OF
IMMORTALITY
TO THE
PUBLIC!!**



**ALL DISCOVERIES ARE
BROUGHT ABOUT BY
PERSONAL DESIRE!!
DO YOU KNOW HOW MUCH
SERVICE I HAVE DONE
FOR THE PEOPLE OF
THIS WORLD FROM
FOLLOWING MY PERSONAL
IDEAS UP UNTIL NOW?!**



MR.
PRESIDENT,
YOU TOO WILL
ONE DAY
GROW OLD!!
WHAT WILL
YOU THINK AT
THAT TIME,
HMMM?!



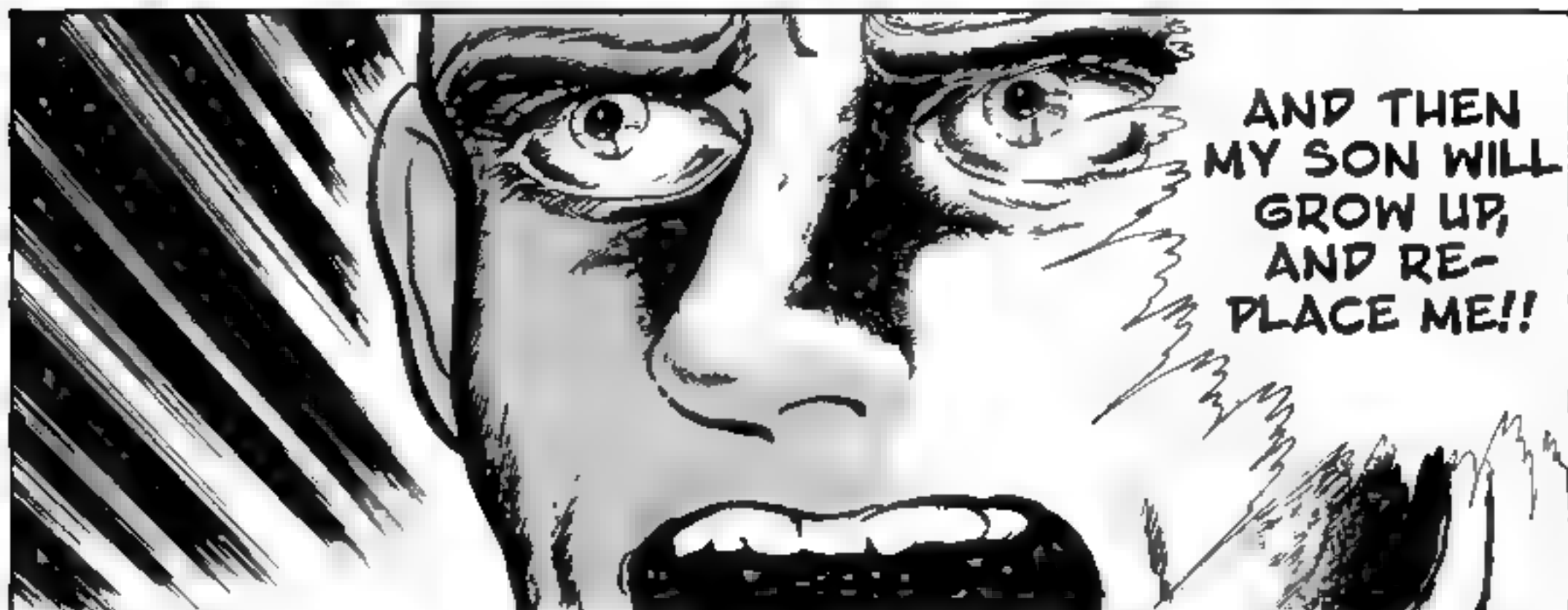
I WON'T
LET YOU
SAY YOU
WON'T WISH
FOR IM-
MORTALITY.
WELL?!



MY SON
WILL
CARRY
ON FOR
ME!!



I WILL
NOT WISH
FOR IT!!



AND THEN
MY SON WILL
GROW UP,
AND RE-
PLACE ME!!

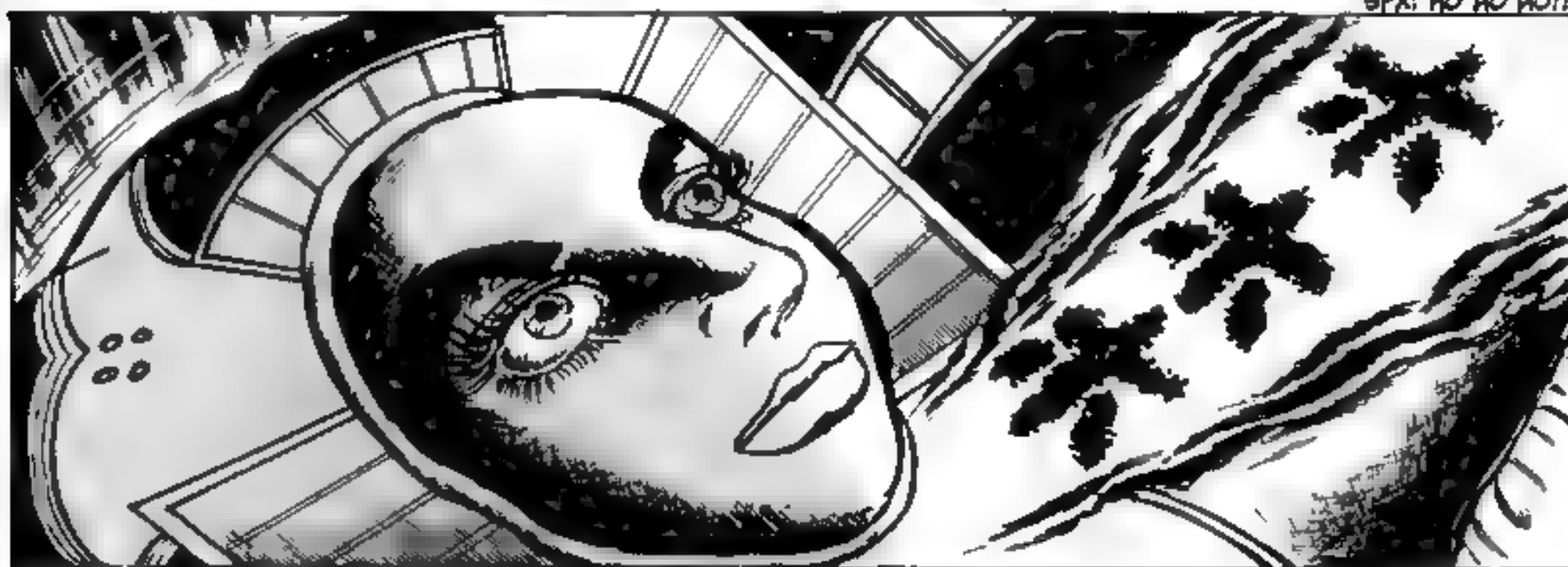


HO
HO
HO!!

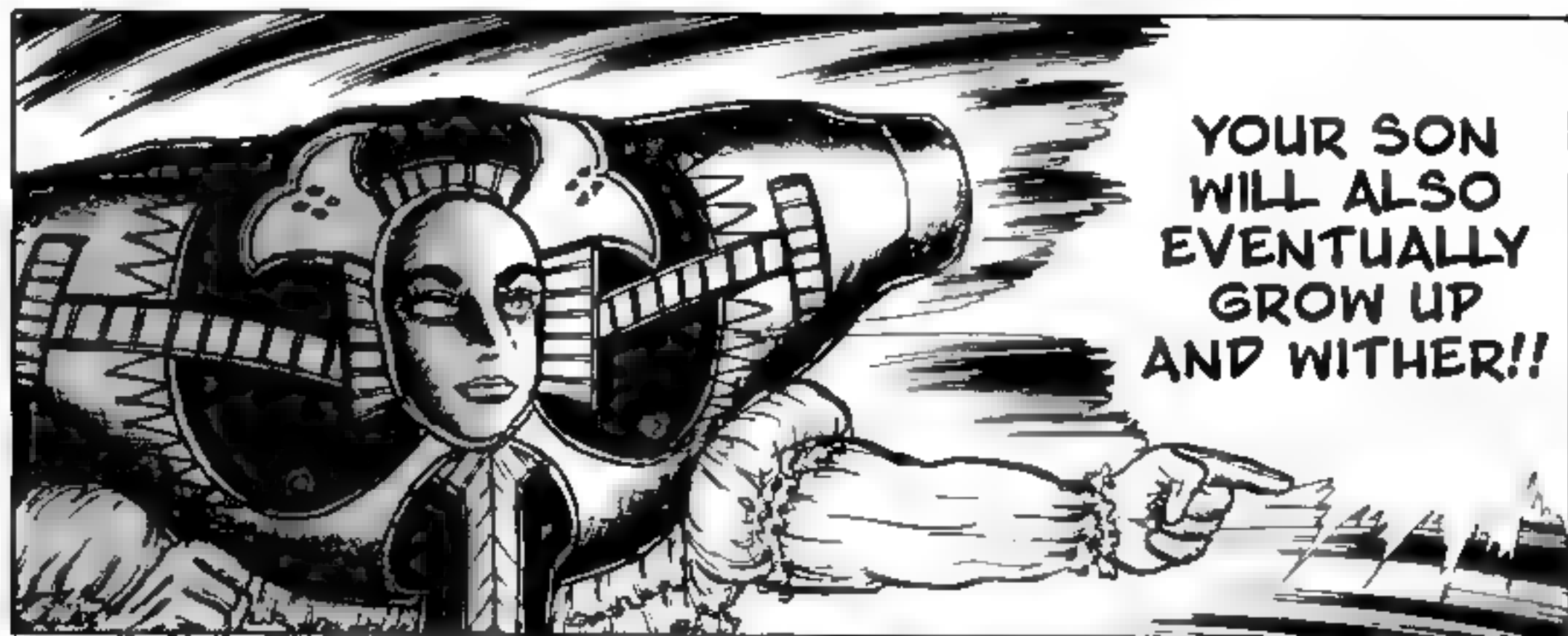


HO HO
HO!!

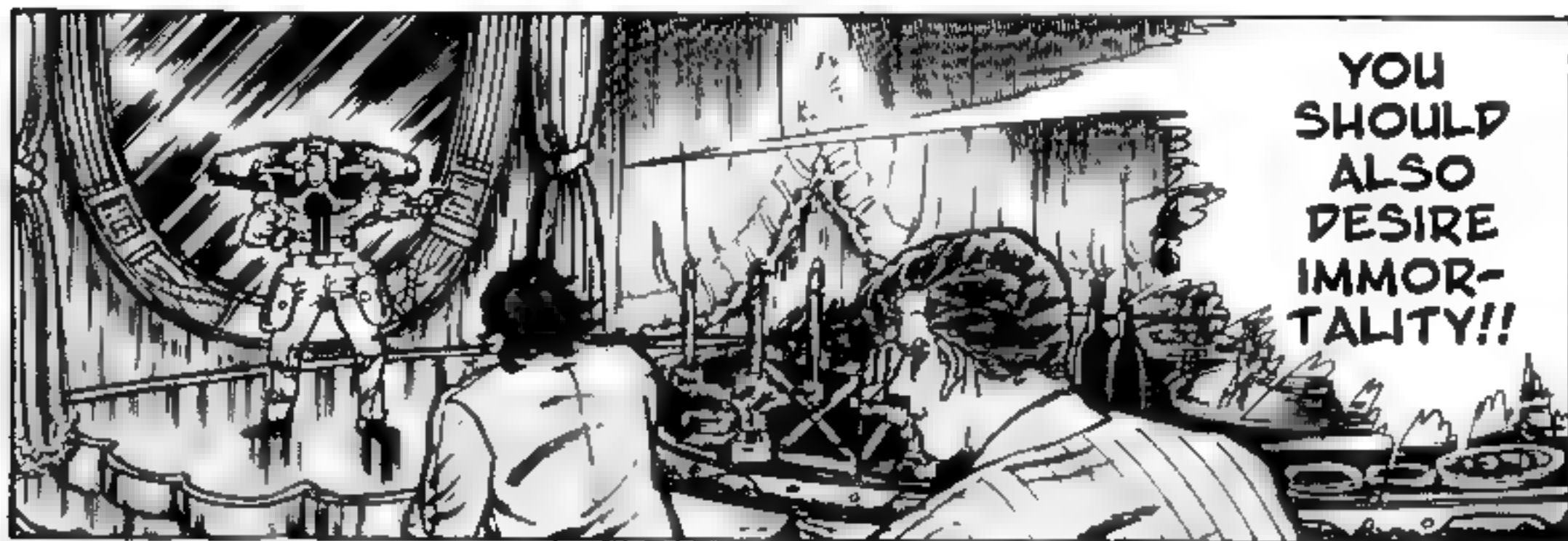
SFX: HO HO HO!!



MR.
PRESIDENT,
YOU ARE
RUNNING
COUNTER TO
YOUR OWN
HEART!!



**YOUR SON
WILL ALSO
EVENTUALLY
GROW UP
AND WITHER!!**



**YOU
SHOULD
ALSO
DESIRE
IMMOR-
TALITY!!**



**THAT
IS YOUR
DUTY!!**



NO!!



**MR. PRESIDENT,
I AM GIVING AN
ORDER TO YOU!!
YOU ARE TO FIND
OUT WHERE
CHICKEN GEORGE
IS AND INFORM ME
AT ONCE!!**



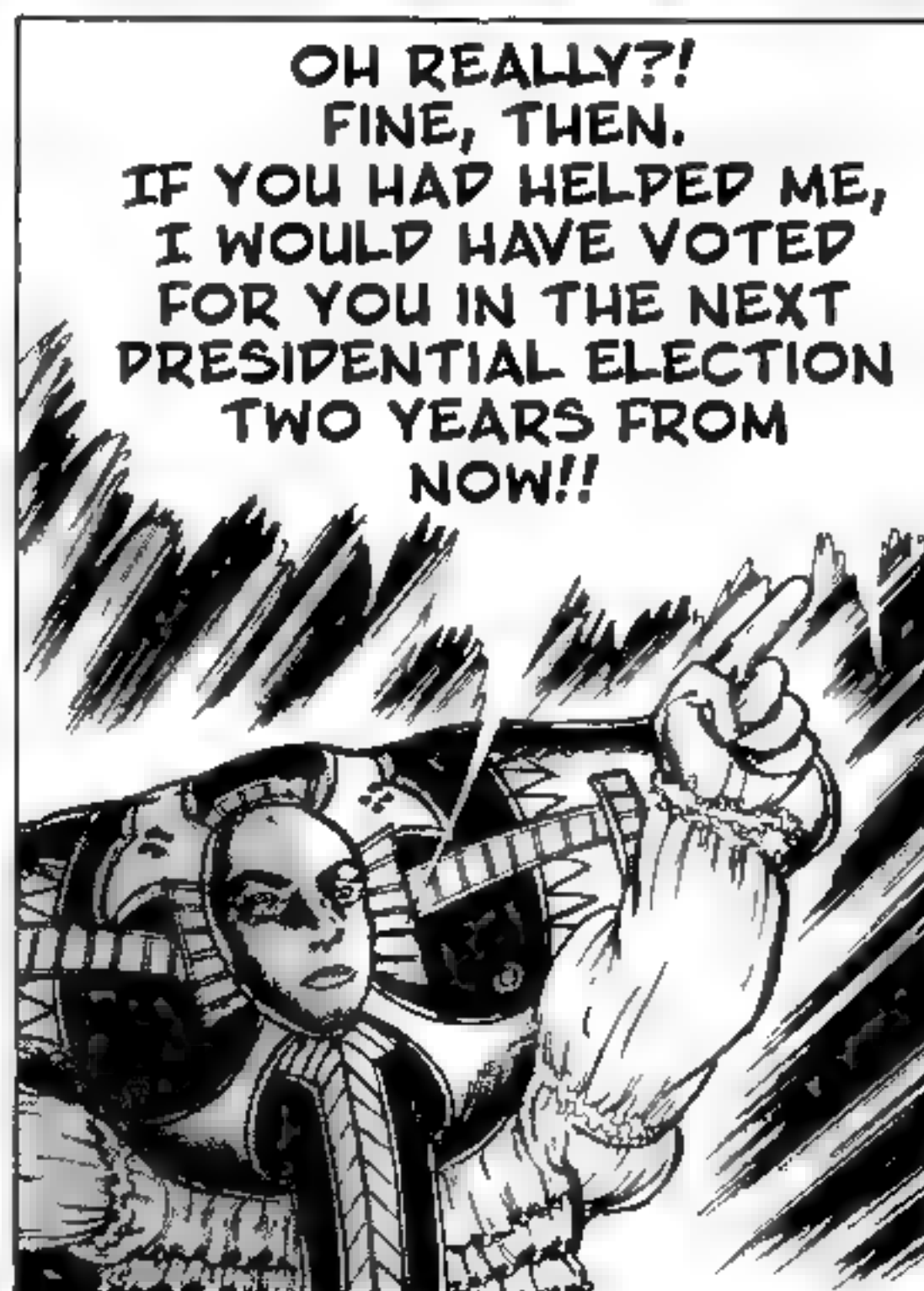
**I ABSOLUTELY
REFUSE!!
NO MATTER HOW
I LOOK AT THIS,
IT FEELS TO ME LIKE
YOU ARE THINKING
OF NO ONE BUT
YOURSELF!!**



**BUT
MR.
PRESI-
DENT!!
THAT'S
NOT
ALL!!**



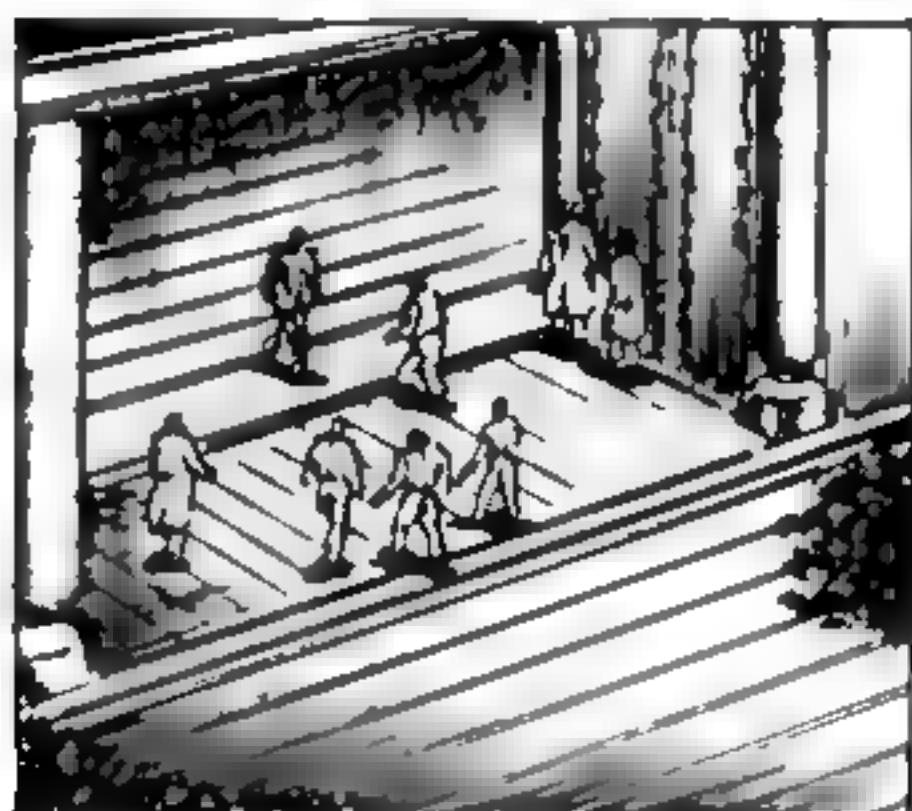
**I WILL NOW
NO LONGER
BE ABLE
TO TELL
WHAT MAY
HAPPEN
AROUND
YOU!!**



**OH REALLY?!
FINE, THEN.
IF YOU HAD HELPED ME,
I WOULD HAVE VOTED
FOR YOU IN THE NEXT
PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION
TWO YEARS FROM
NOW!!**



**WELL IT'LL BE FAR
BETTER THAN CIRCUM-
VENTING JUSTICE!!
YOUR STANDPOINT
AND OPINIONS ARE
ENTIRELY MISTAKEN!!
NOW, IF YOU'LL
EXCUSE ME!!**

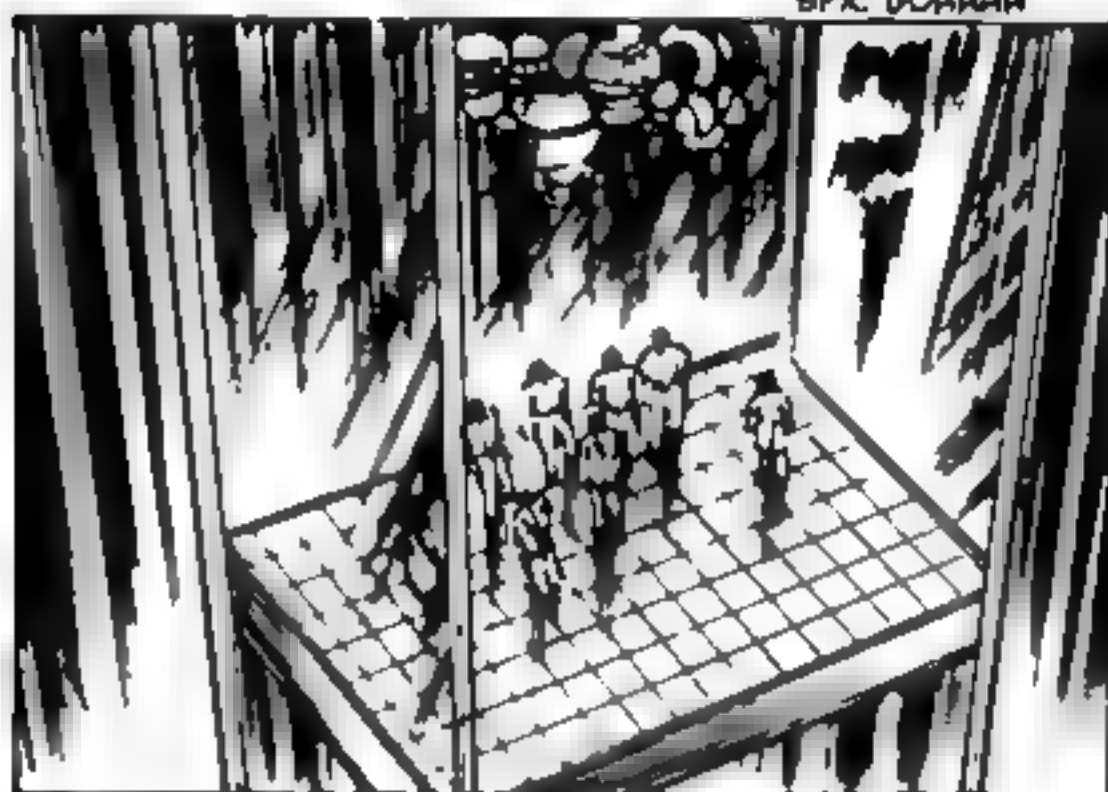


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SFX. KAH

SFX. KAH

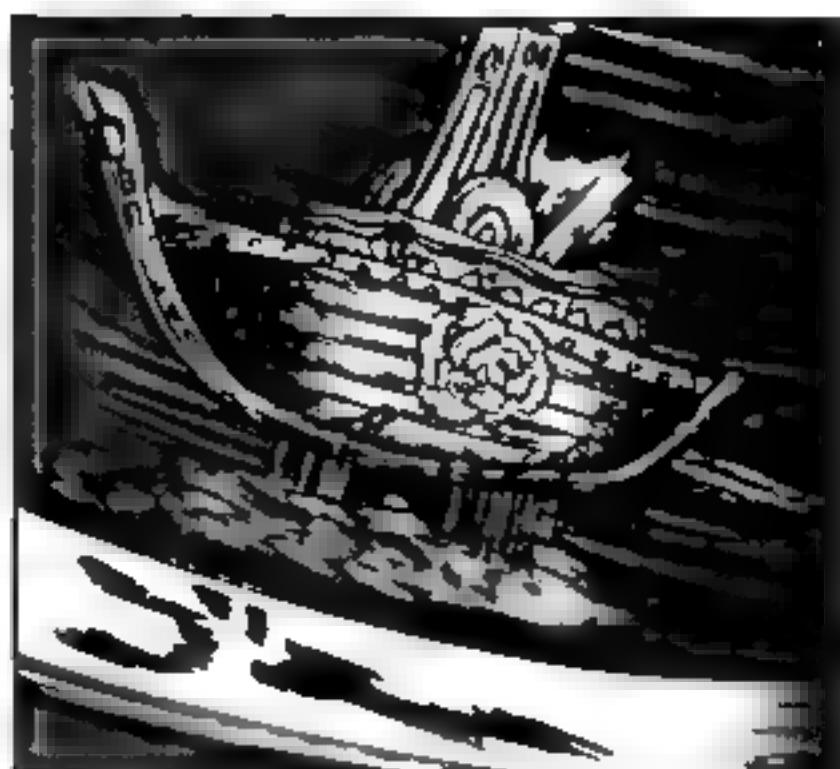
SFX. KAH



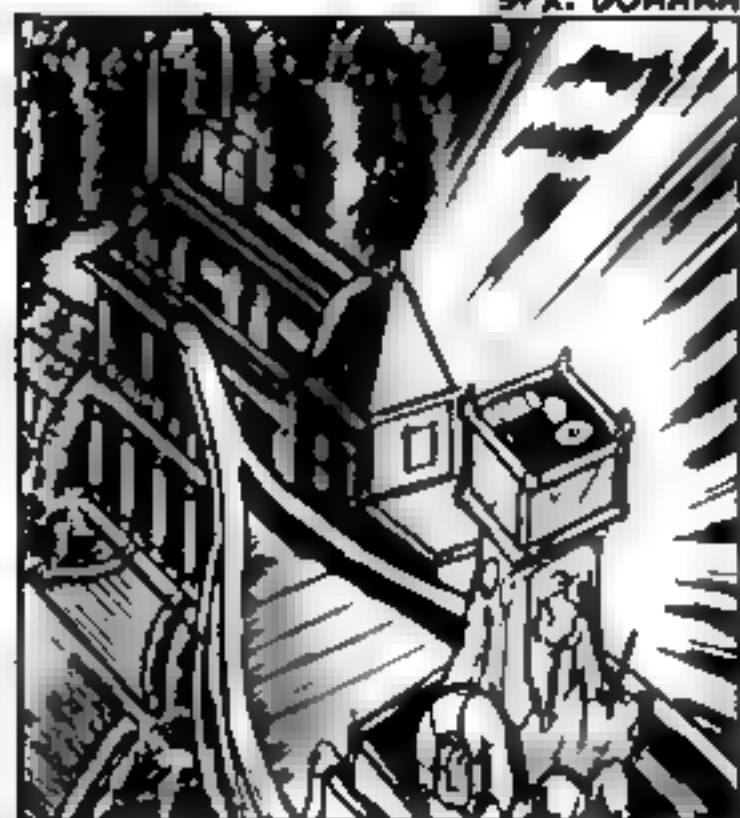


FEAR

SFX: GOHHHH



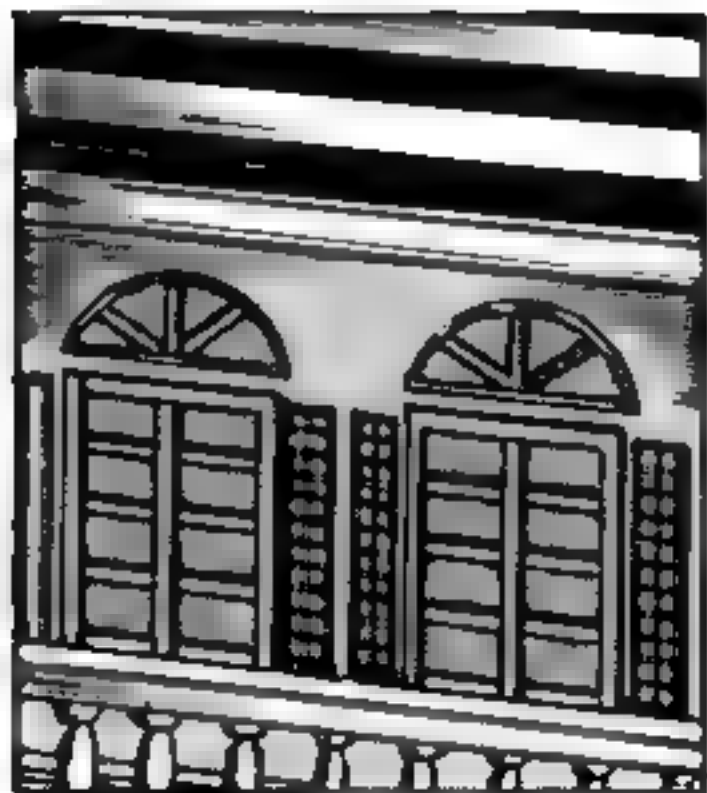
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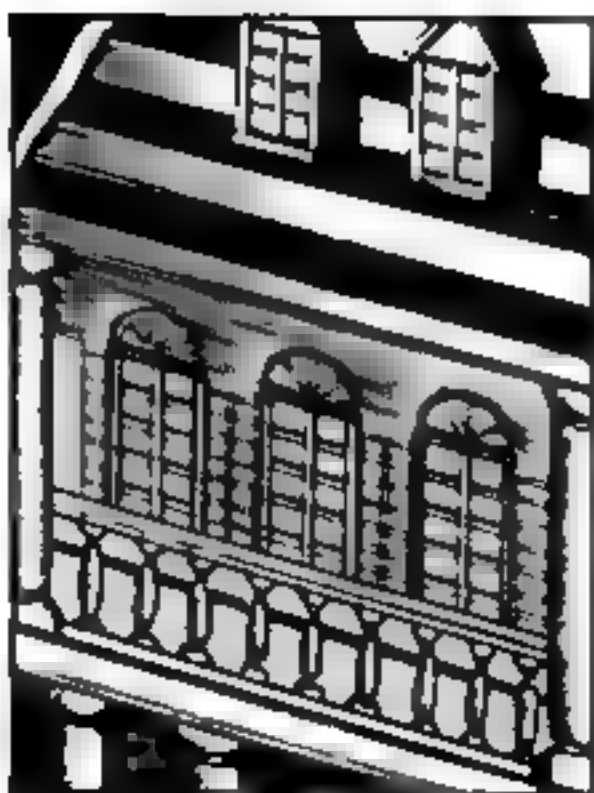
...THAT
SOMETHING
MIGHT
HAPPEN TO
MY SON?!



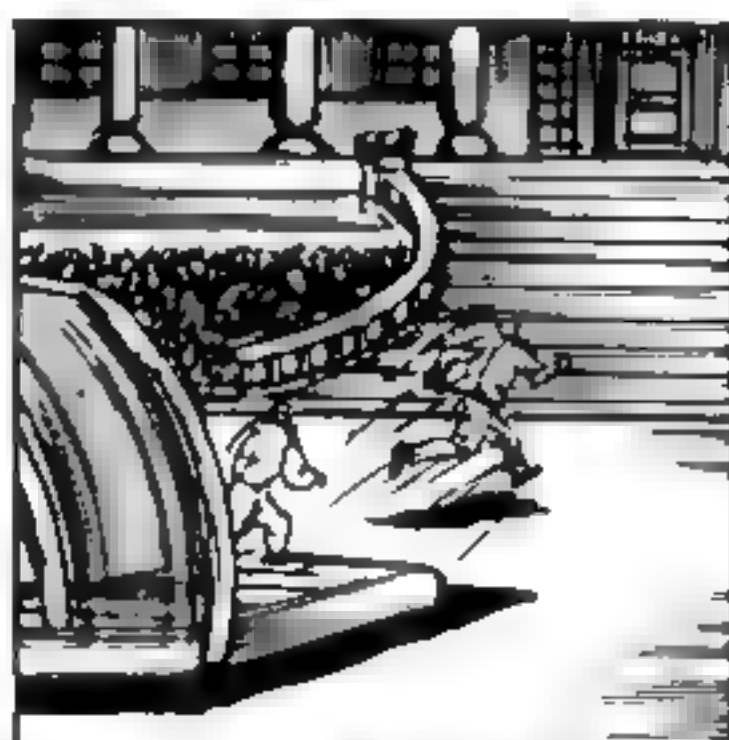
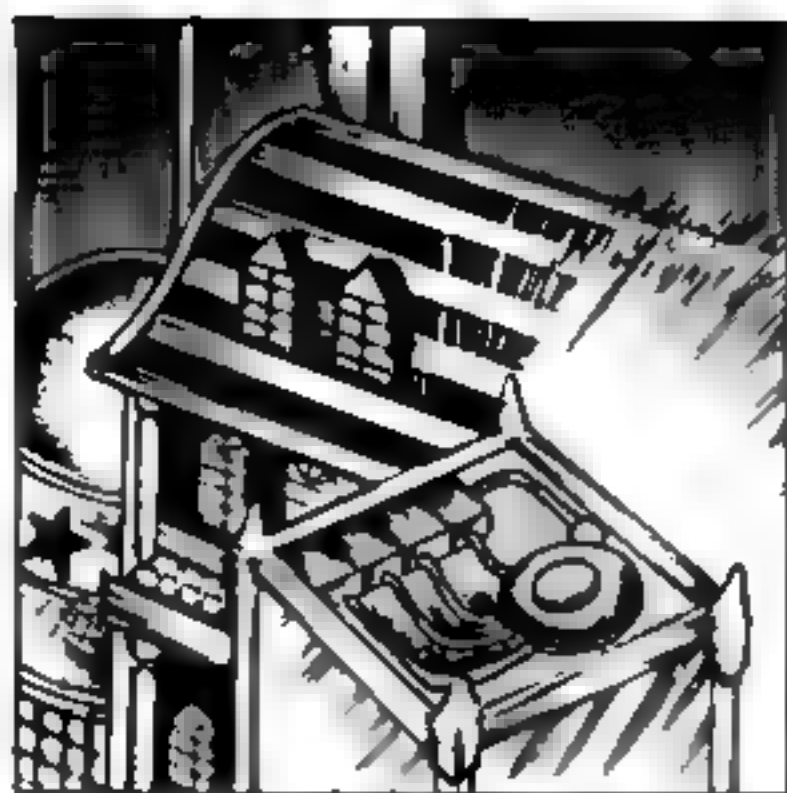
DOES
SHE
MEAN...



6FX. DADA



6FX. DADA



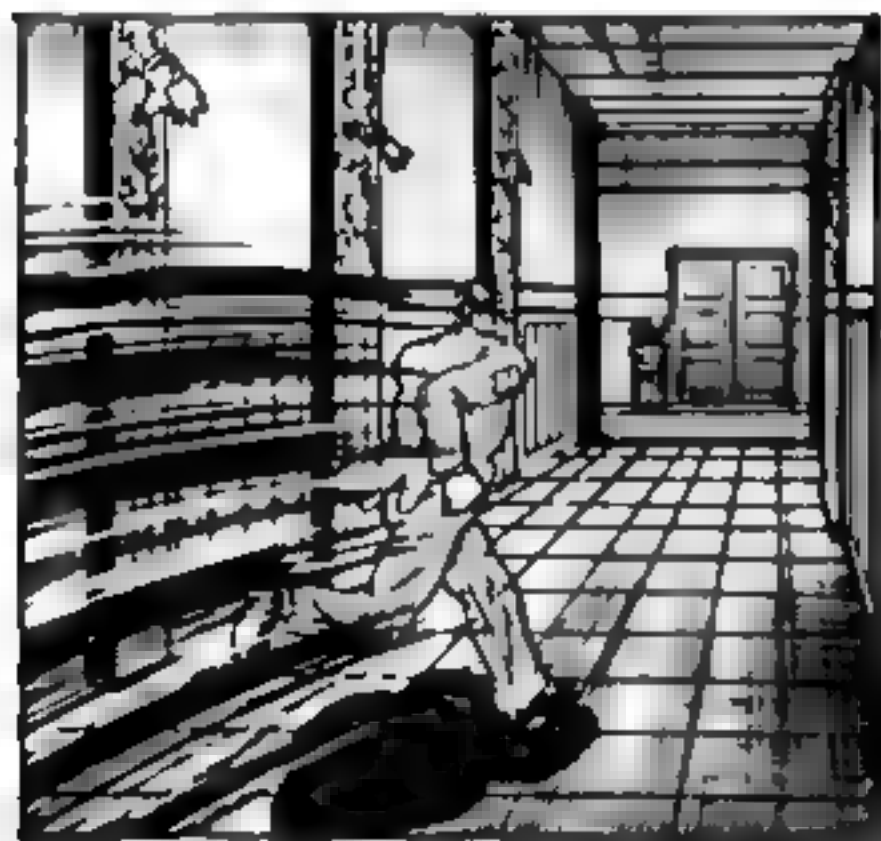
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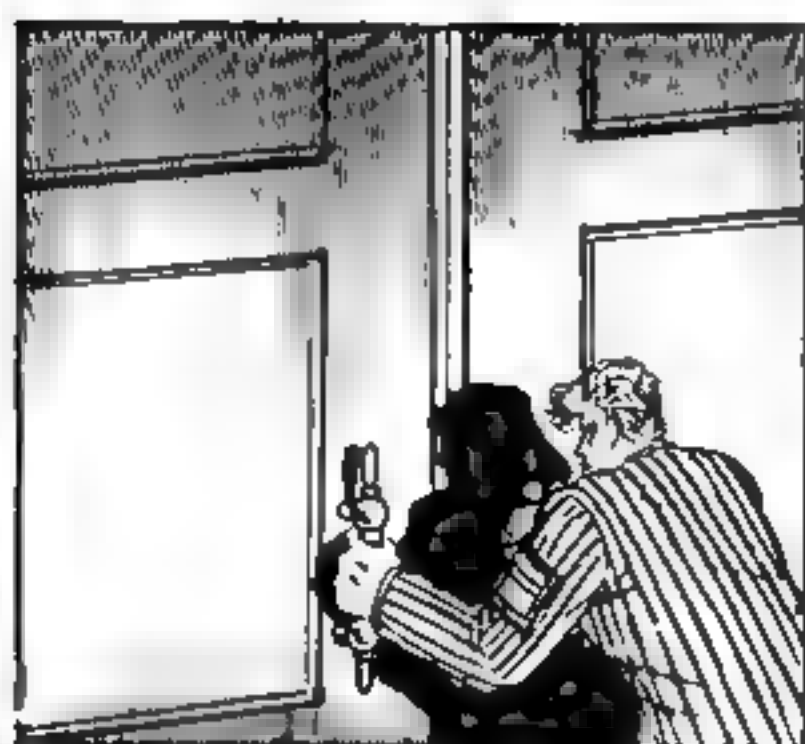
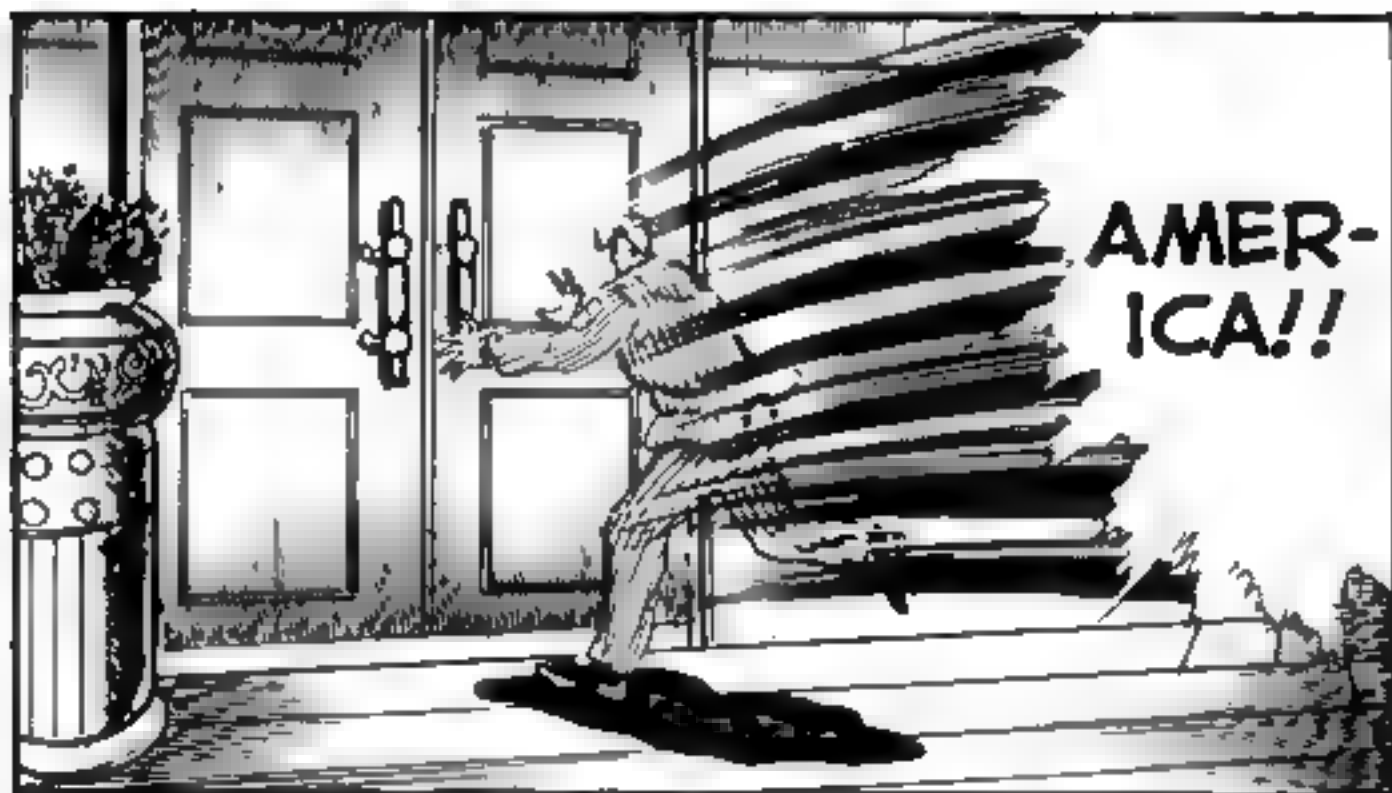
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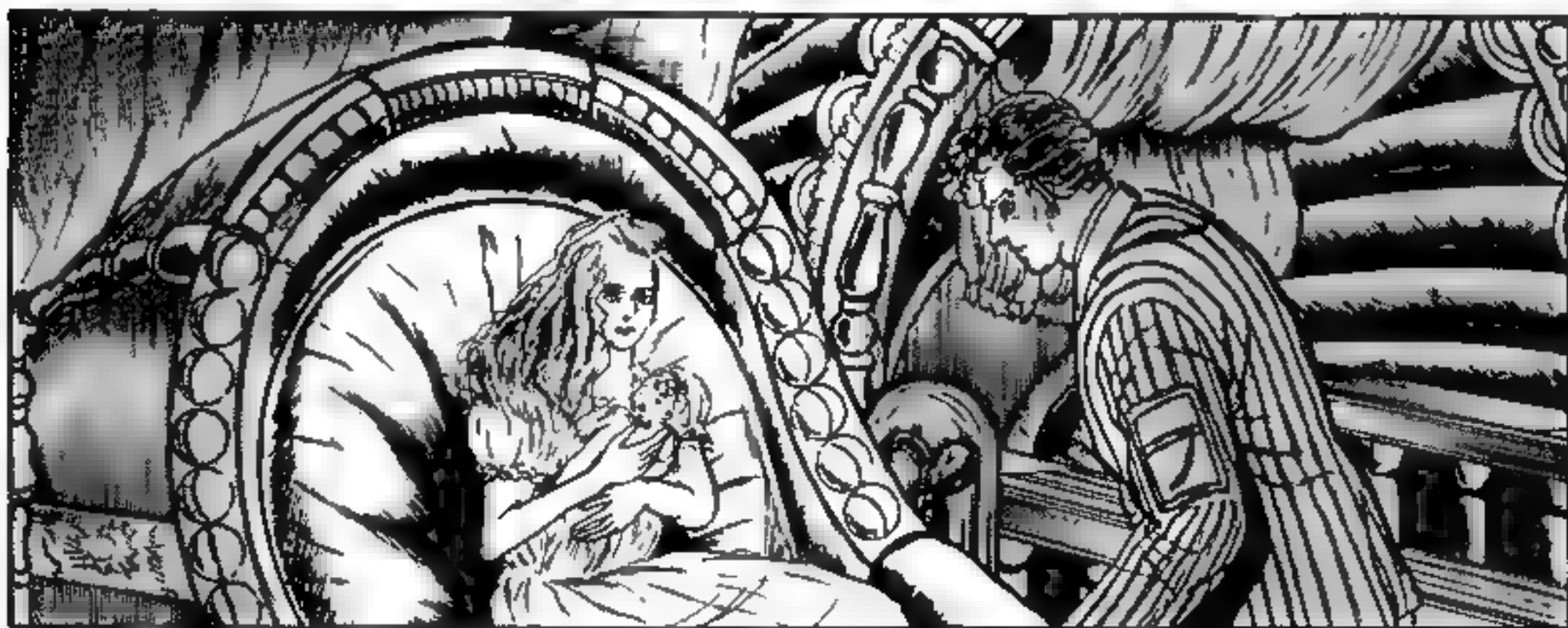
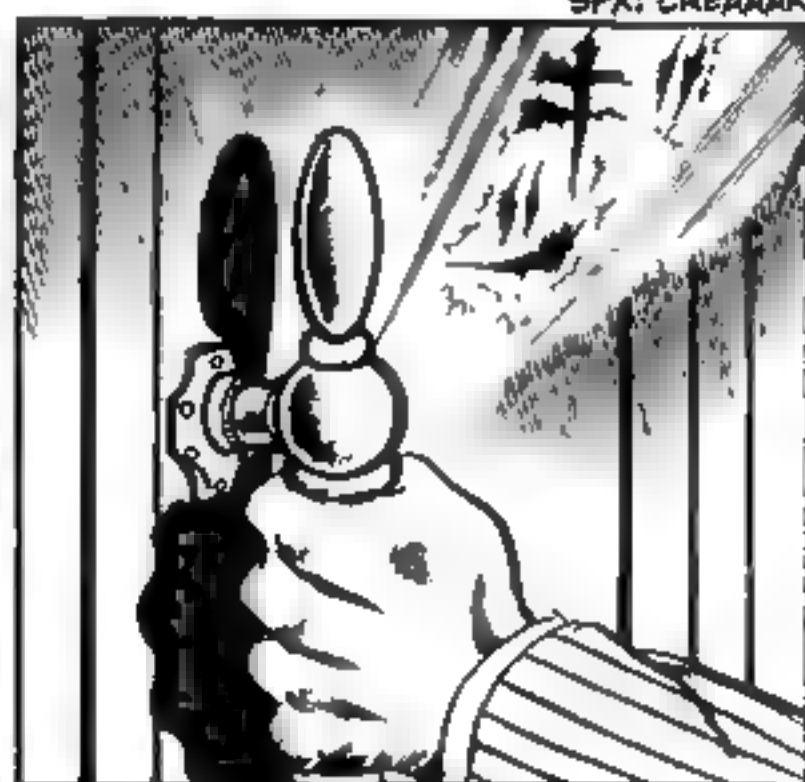


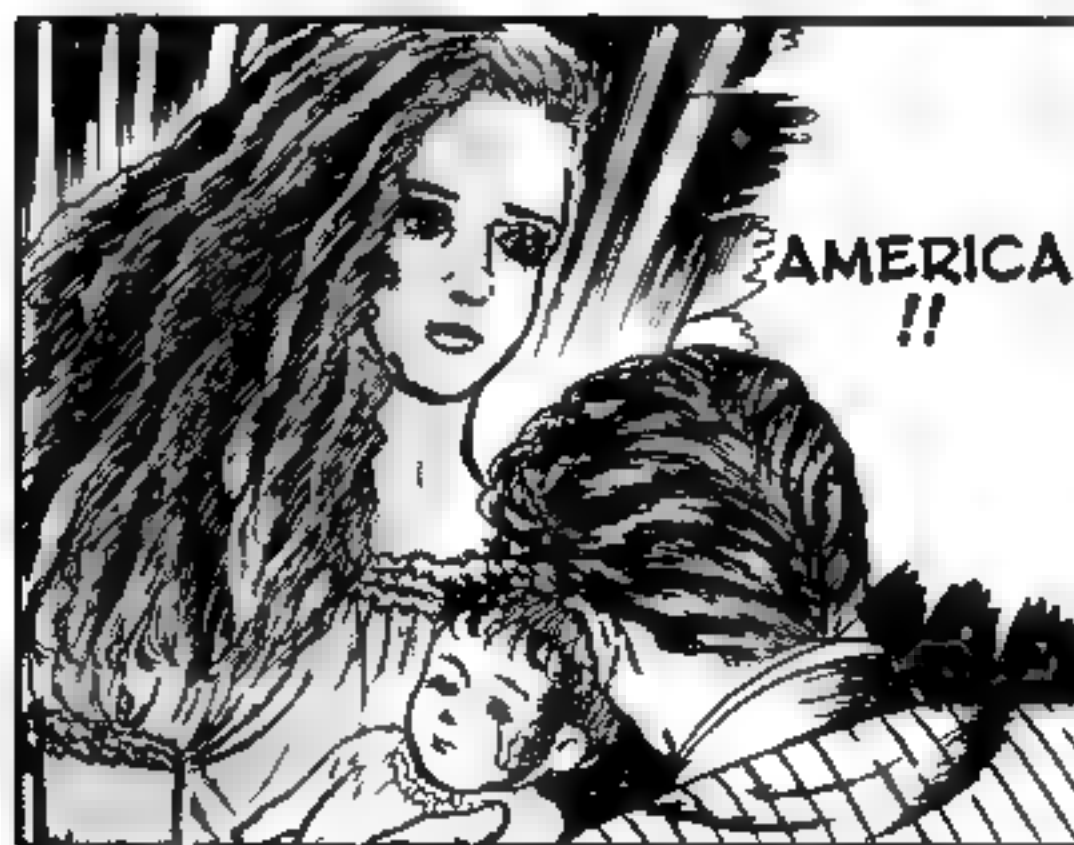
SFX: SLAM





SFX: CREEAAK



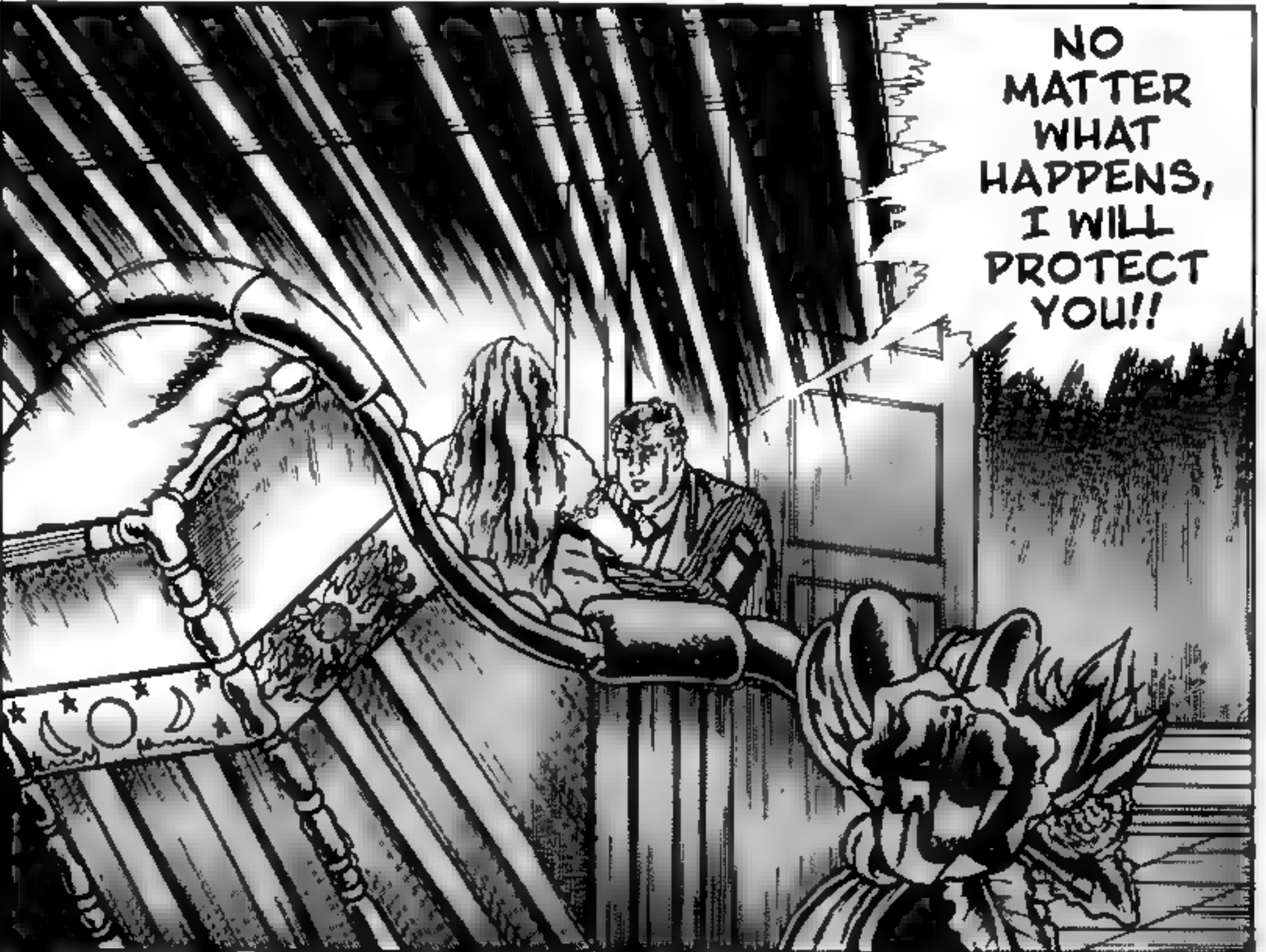




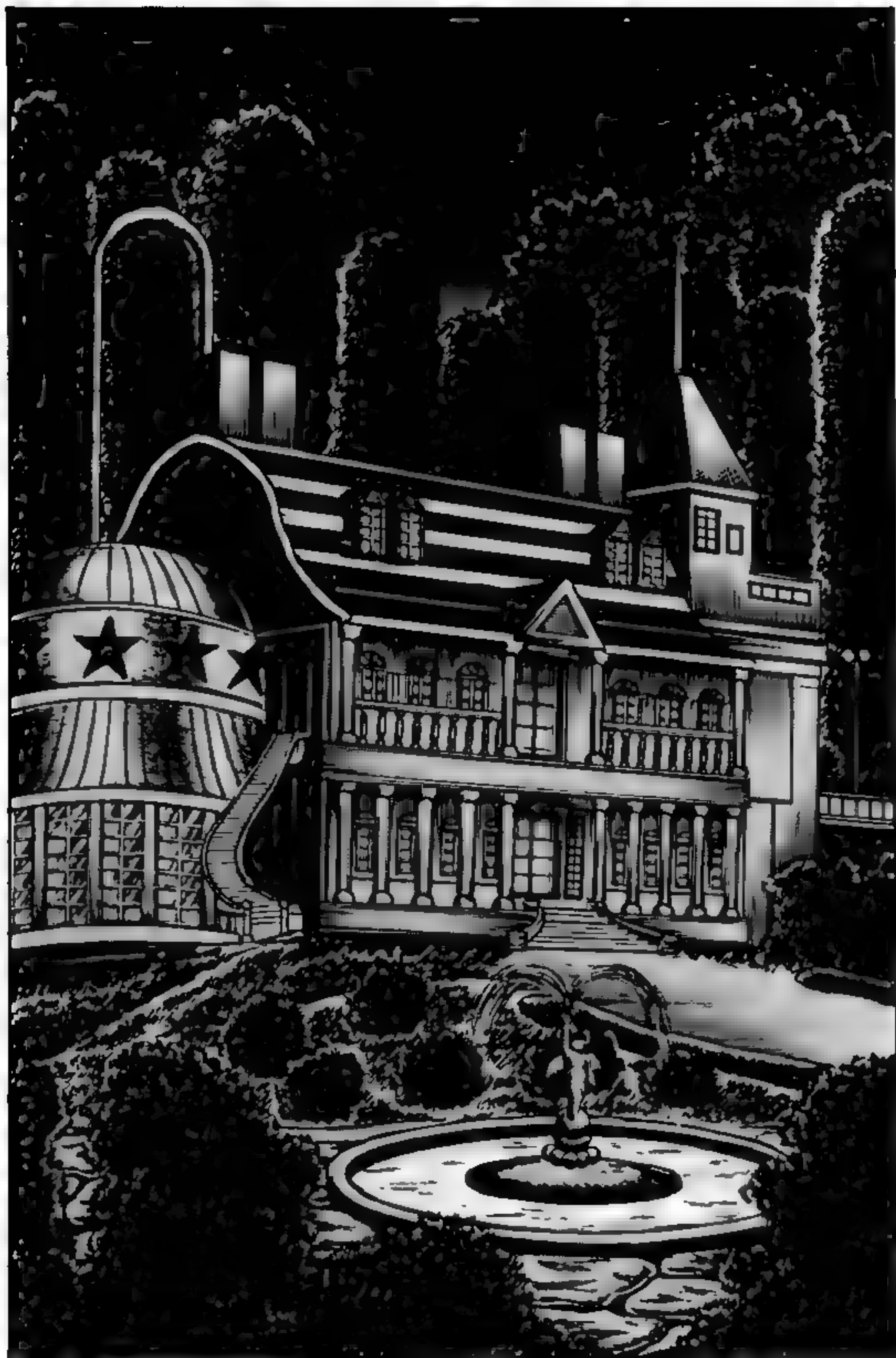
**MY
SON!!**



**I WON'T
HAND YOU
OVER TO
ANYBODY!!**



**NO
MATTER
WHAT
HAPPENS,
I WILL
PROTECT
YOU!!**

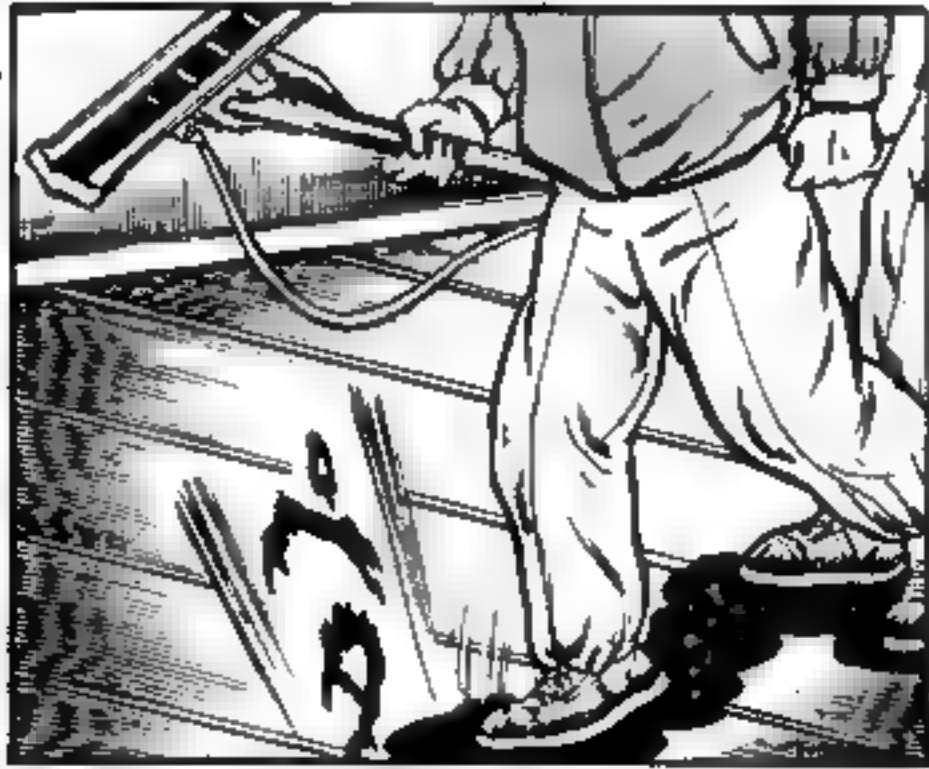




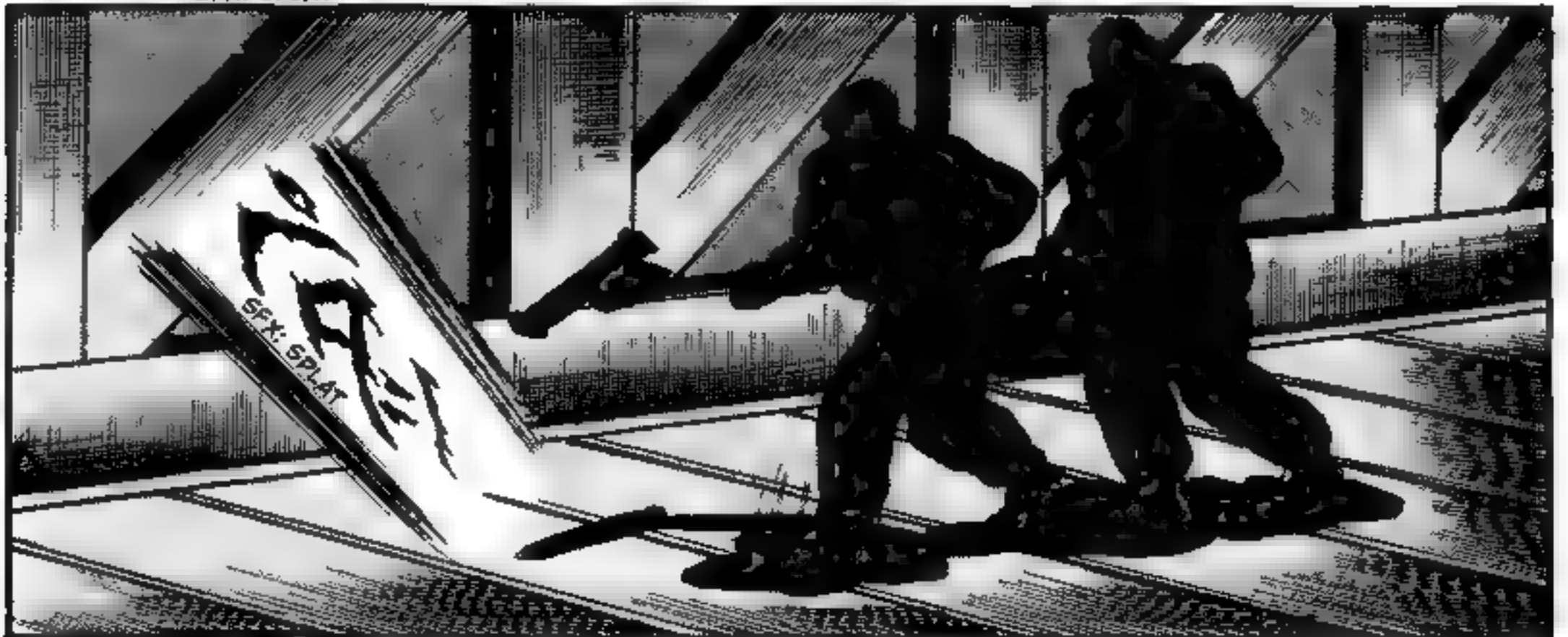
SFX: SPLAT



SFX: SPLAT



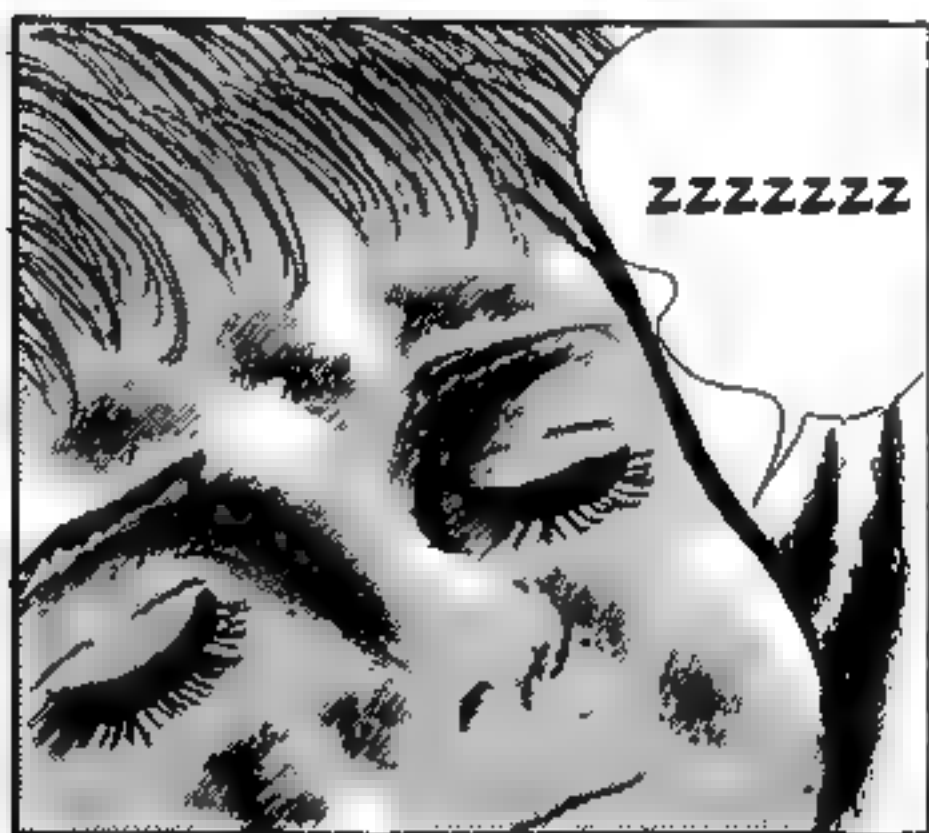
SFX: SPLAT





SFX: JERK









SFX: CREAK





LET'S
SWITCH
!!



YES.

IS KIYORA
SLEEPING?



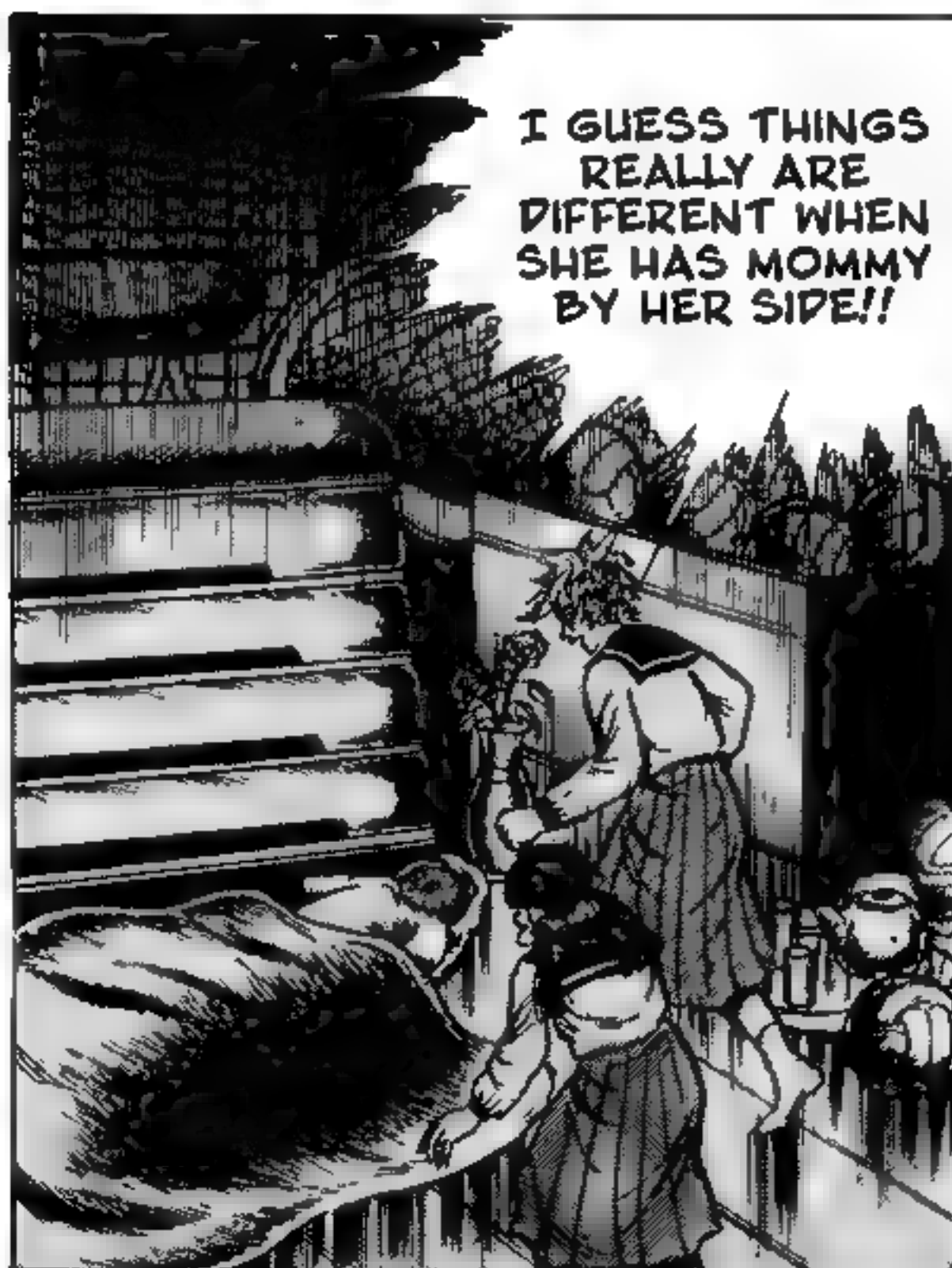
THANK
YOU!!



YOU
SHOULD
HEAD
HOME
SOON,
YOKKO.



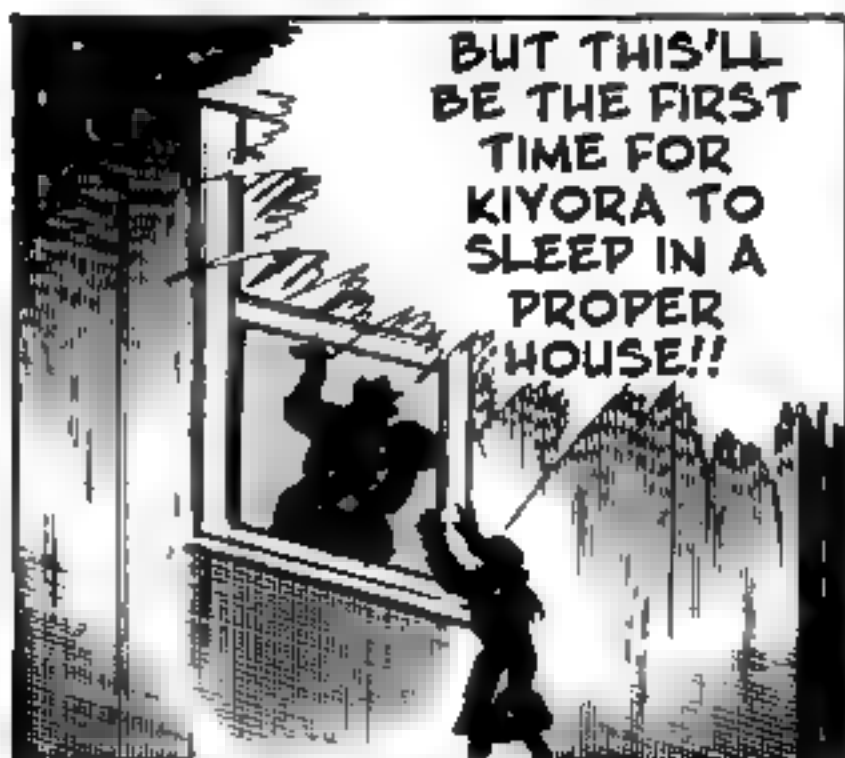
YOUR
FATHER
WILL BE
HOME FROM
WORK ANY
MINUTE
NOW!!



I GUESS THINGS
REALLY ARE
DIFFERENT WHEN
SHE HAS MOMMY
BY HER SIDE!!



I KNOW YOU
PROBABLY
DON'T WANT
TO INTRUDE
IN HER HOUSE,
THOUGH!!



BUT THIS'LL
BE THE FIRST
TIME FOR
KIYORA TO
SLEEP IN A
PROPER
HOUSE!!

SFX: CREAK

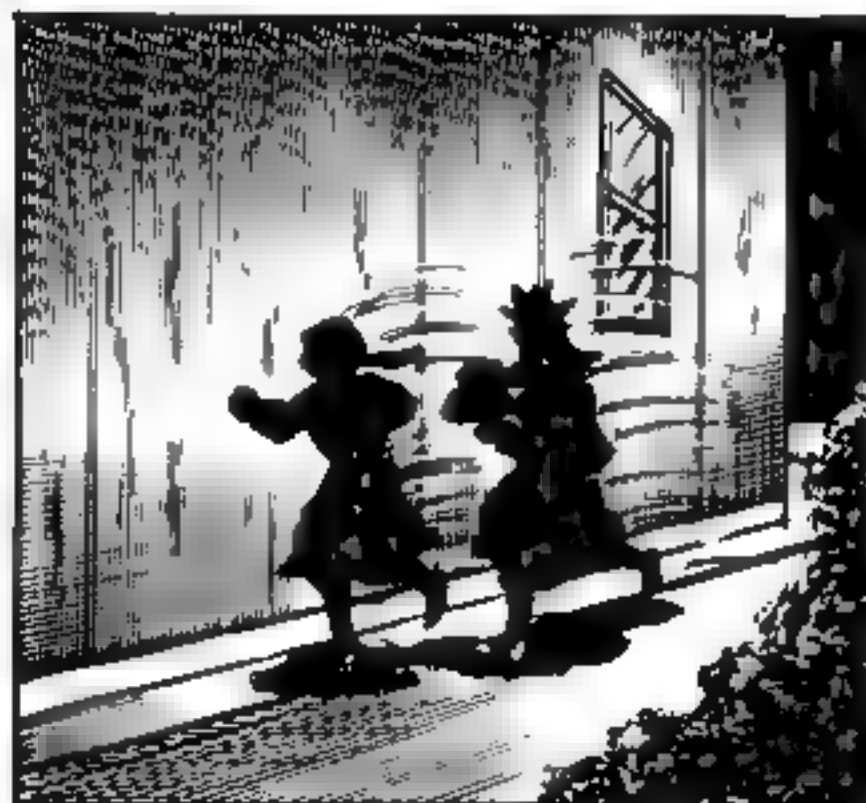


OH YEAH,
I ALMOST FORGOT...
YOU KNOW KEIKO,
HEAD OF THE PUBLIC
MORALS COMMITTEE?
HER PARENTS WENT OFF
TO A PUBLIC ASSEMBLY
AND WON'T BE COMING
BACK TONIGHT!!

SFX: BISHA



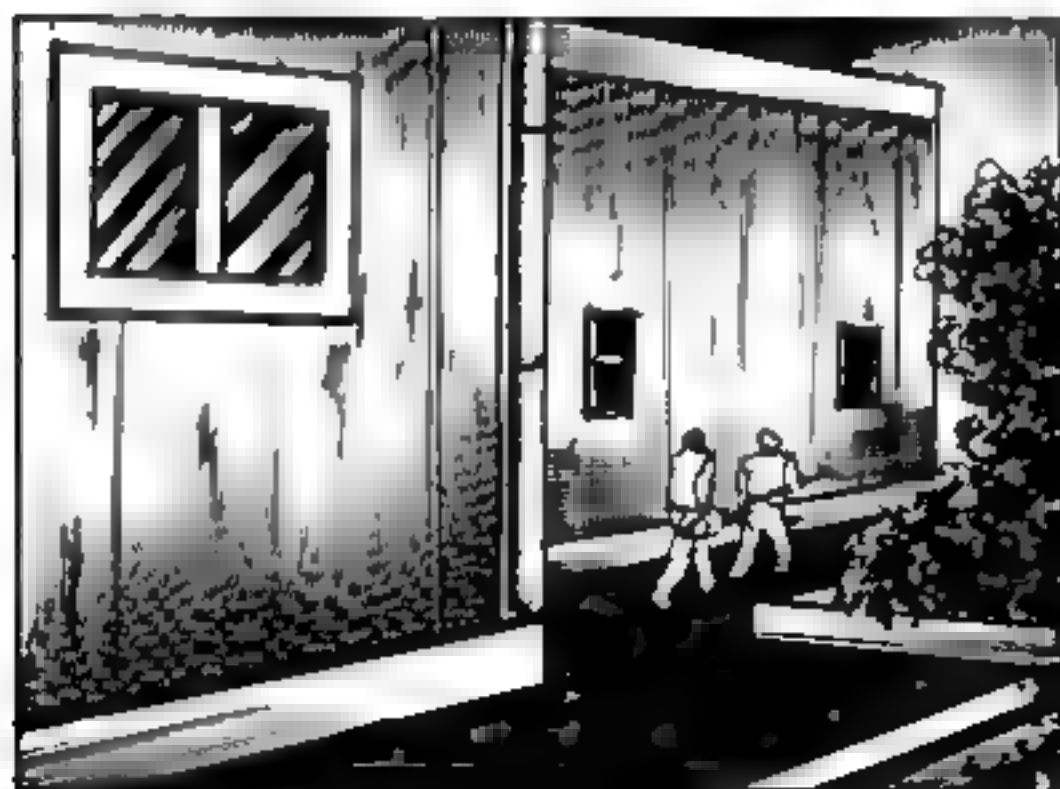
AHH!!

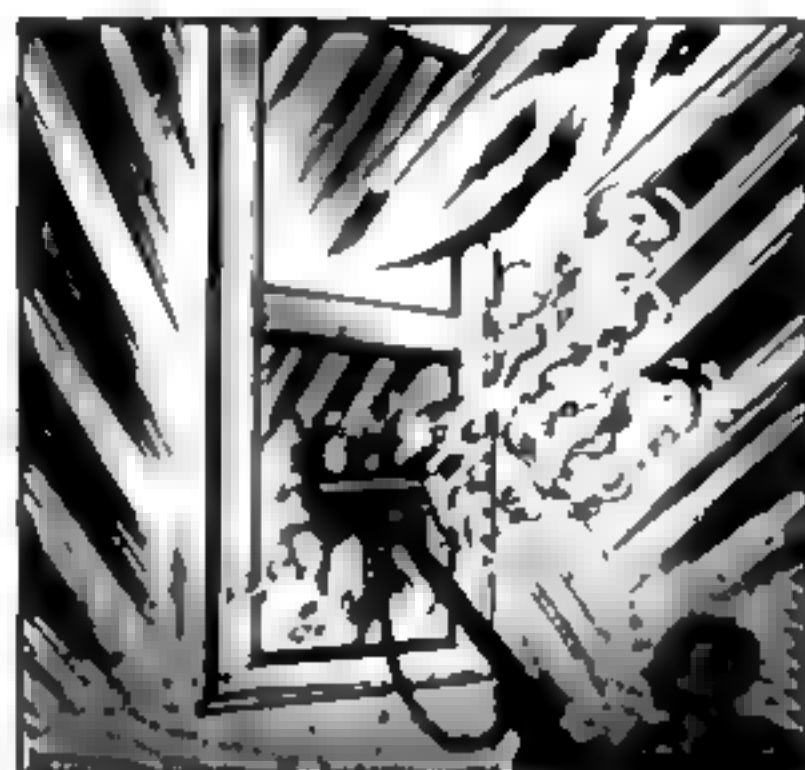




SFX PAUSE



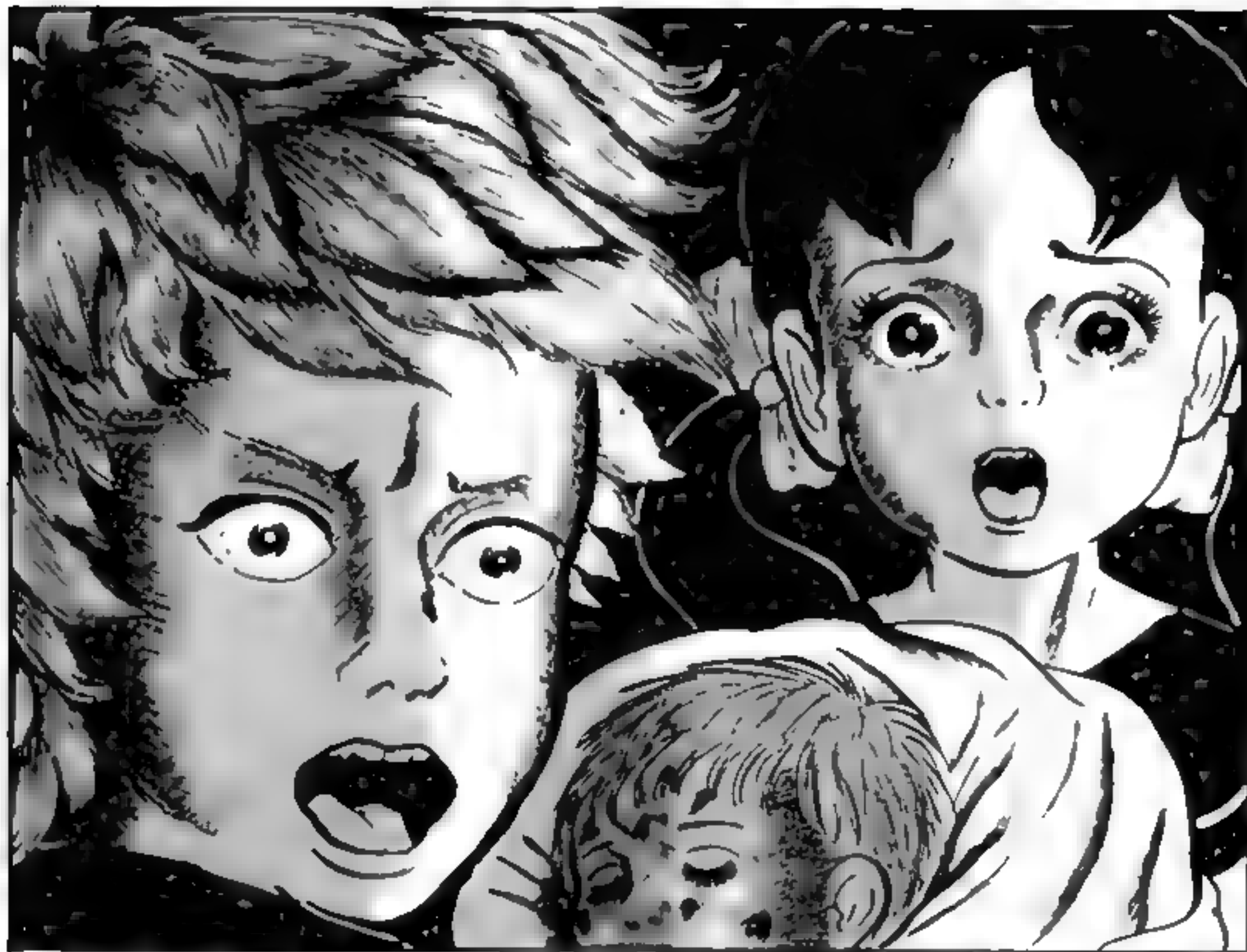




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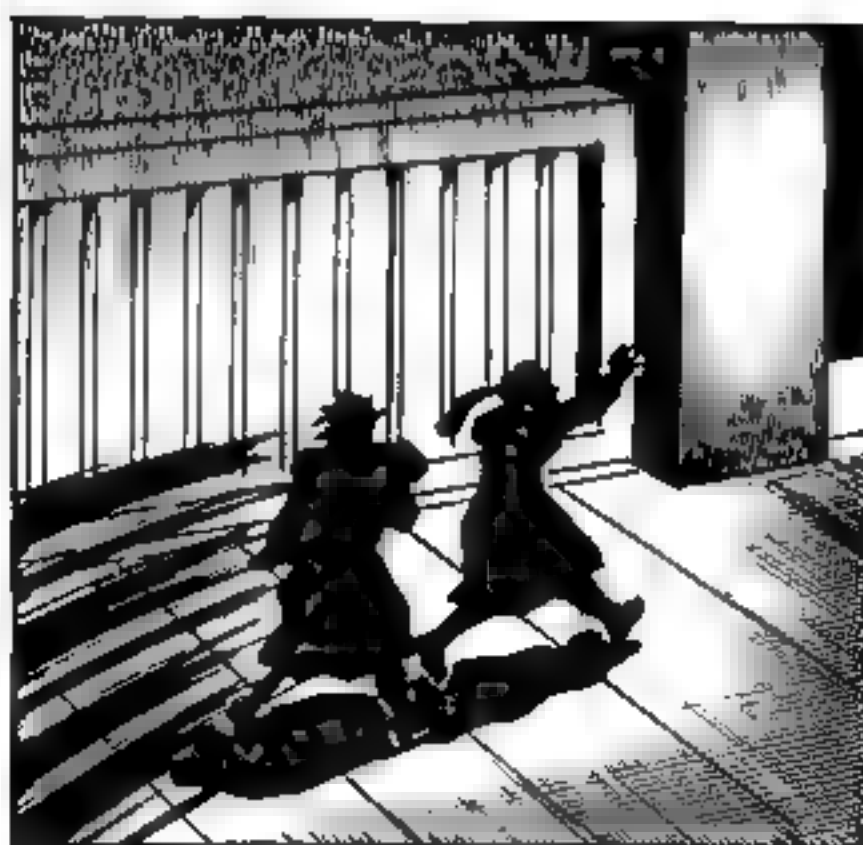
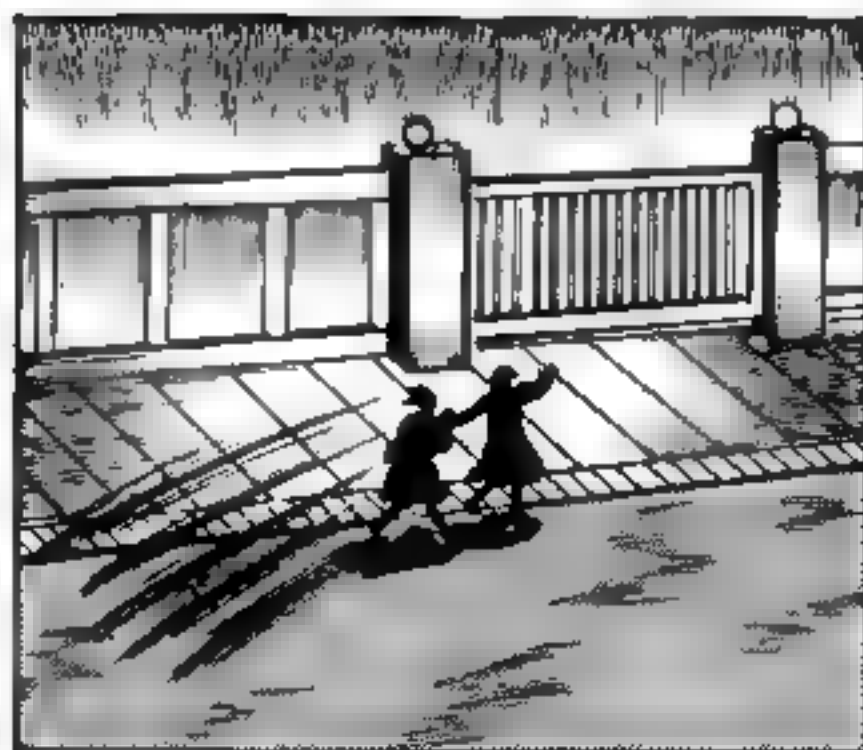
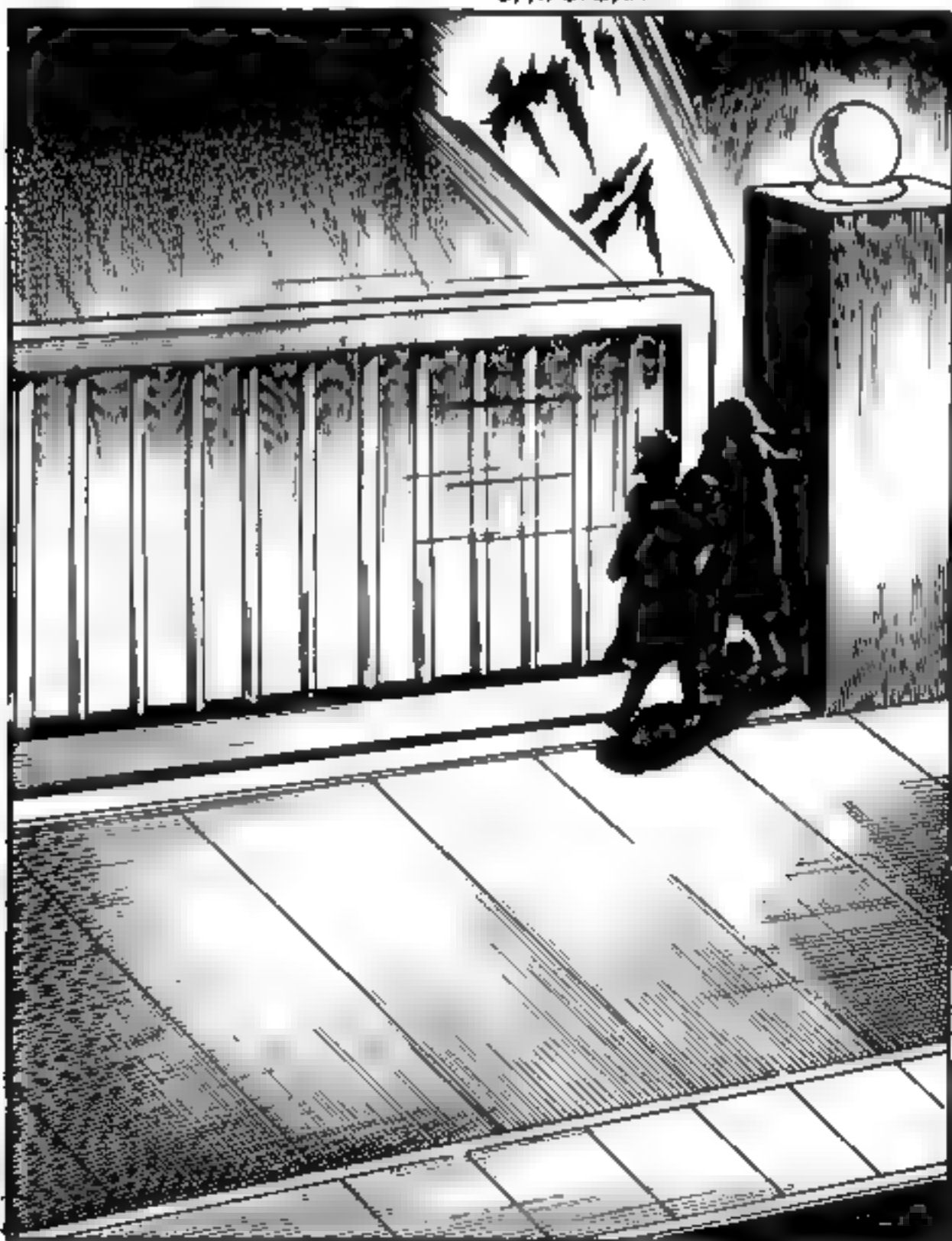
SFX. CLINK

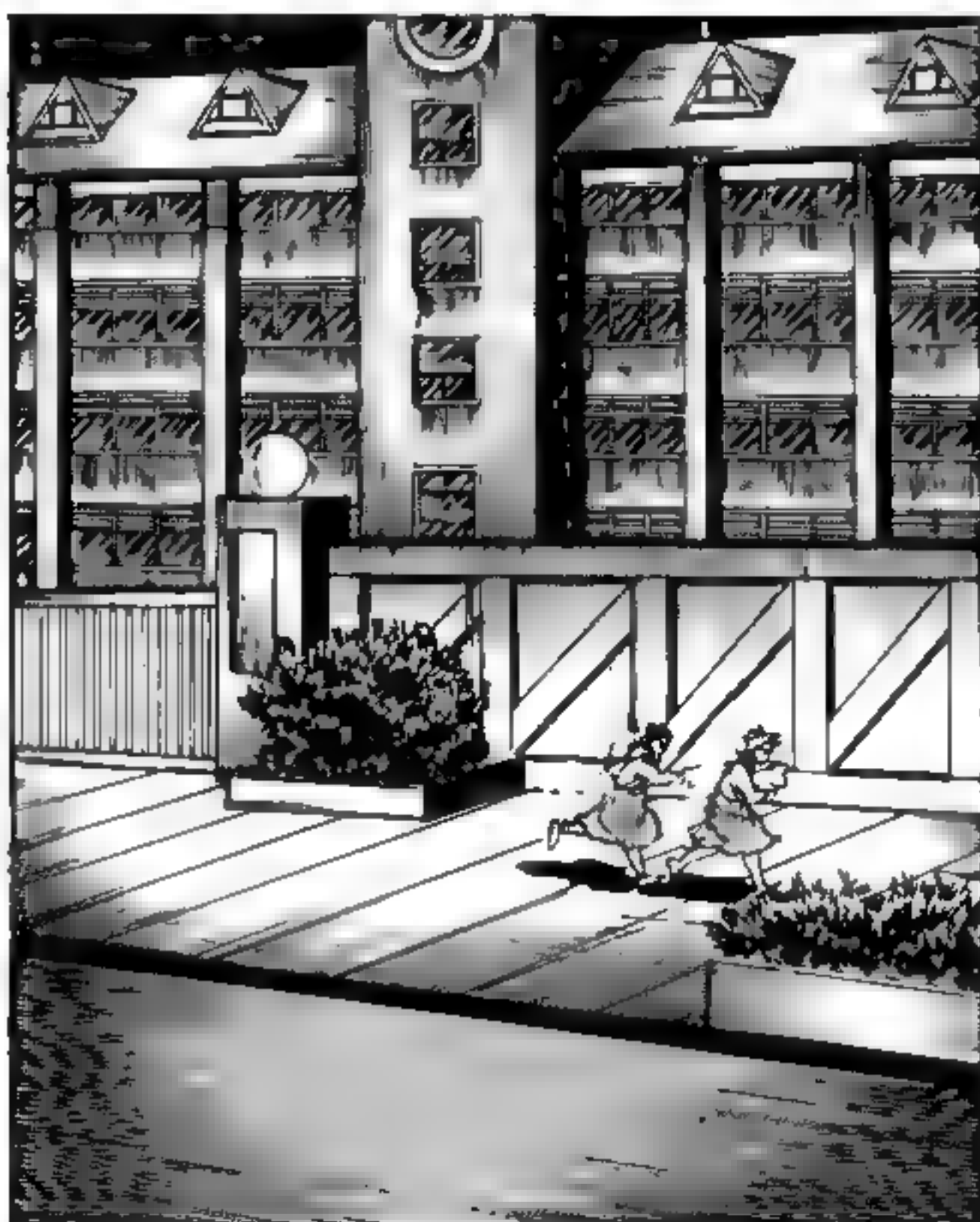
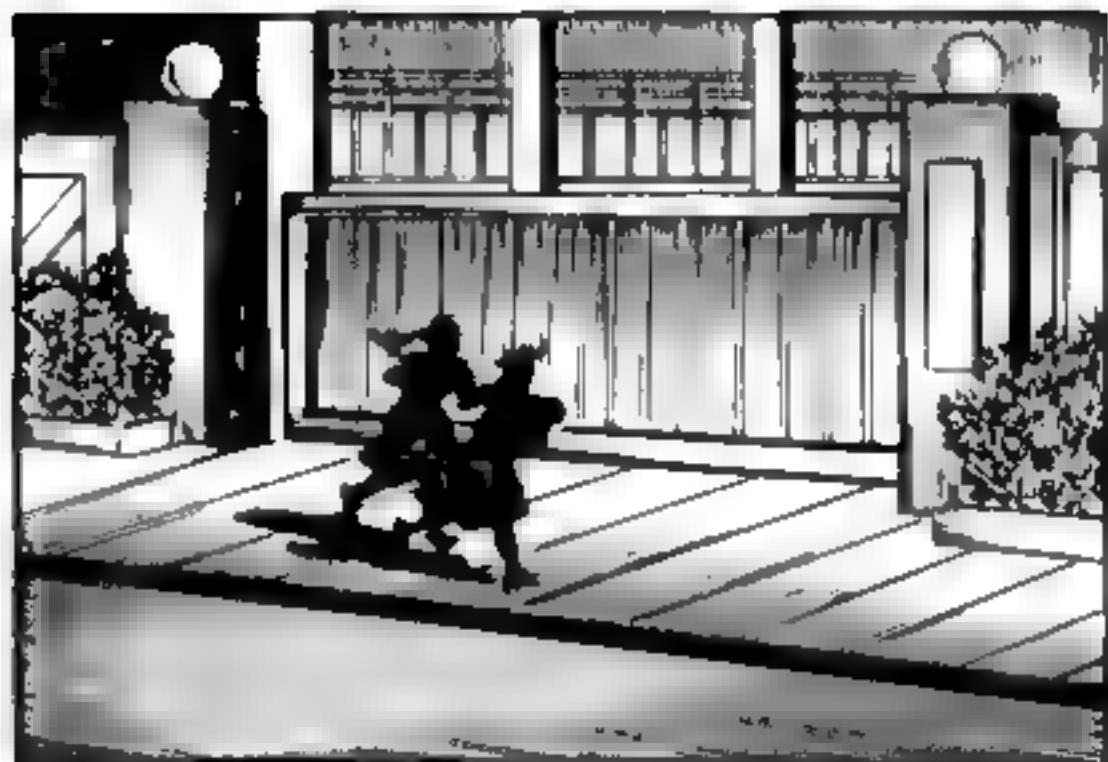
SFX. CRACK





SFX: CREAK







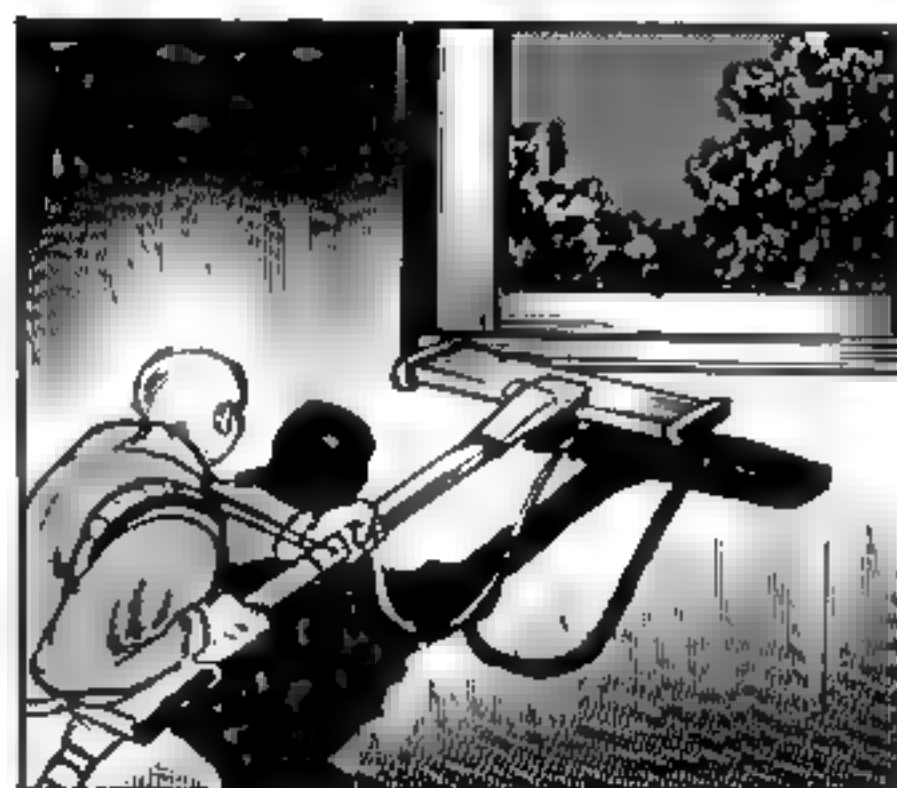
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SFX: BEEP



SFX: GAGAGA



SFX: GAGAGAGAGA



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SFX: GAGAGA



SFX: GAGAGAGAGA

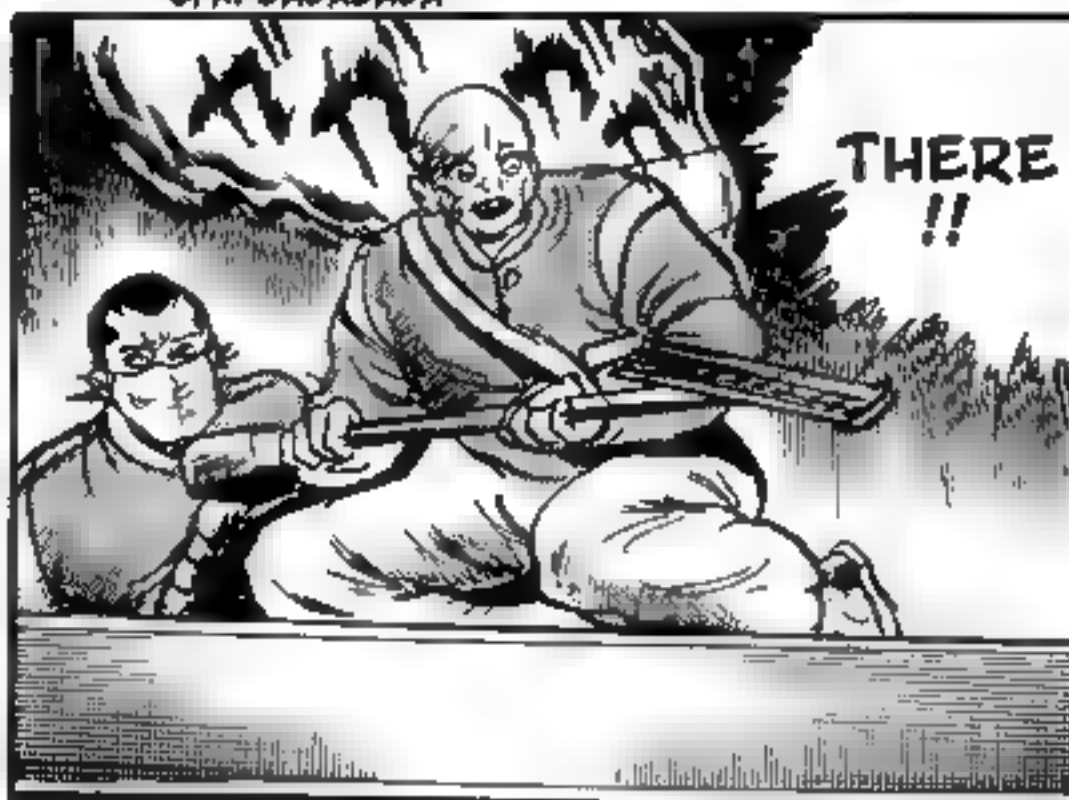


AHH!!

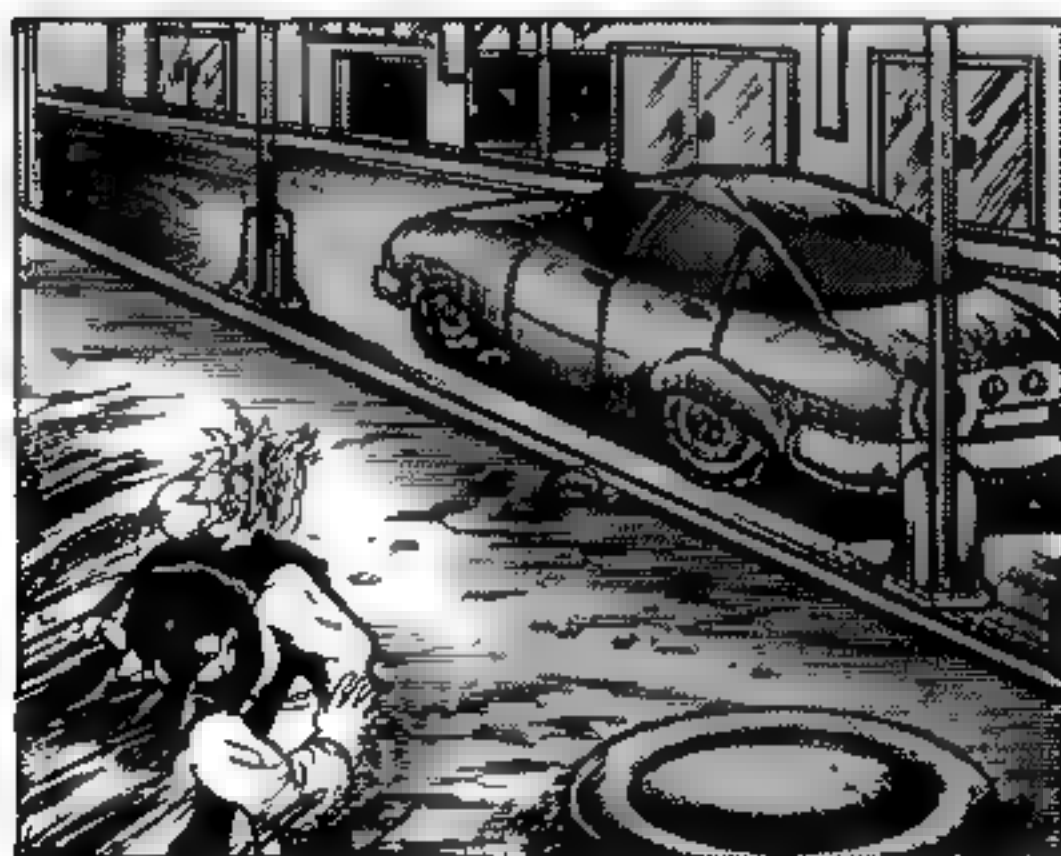
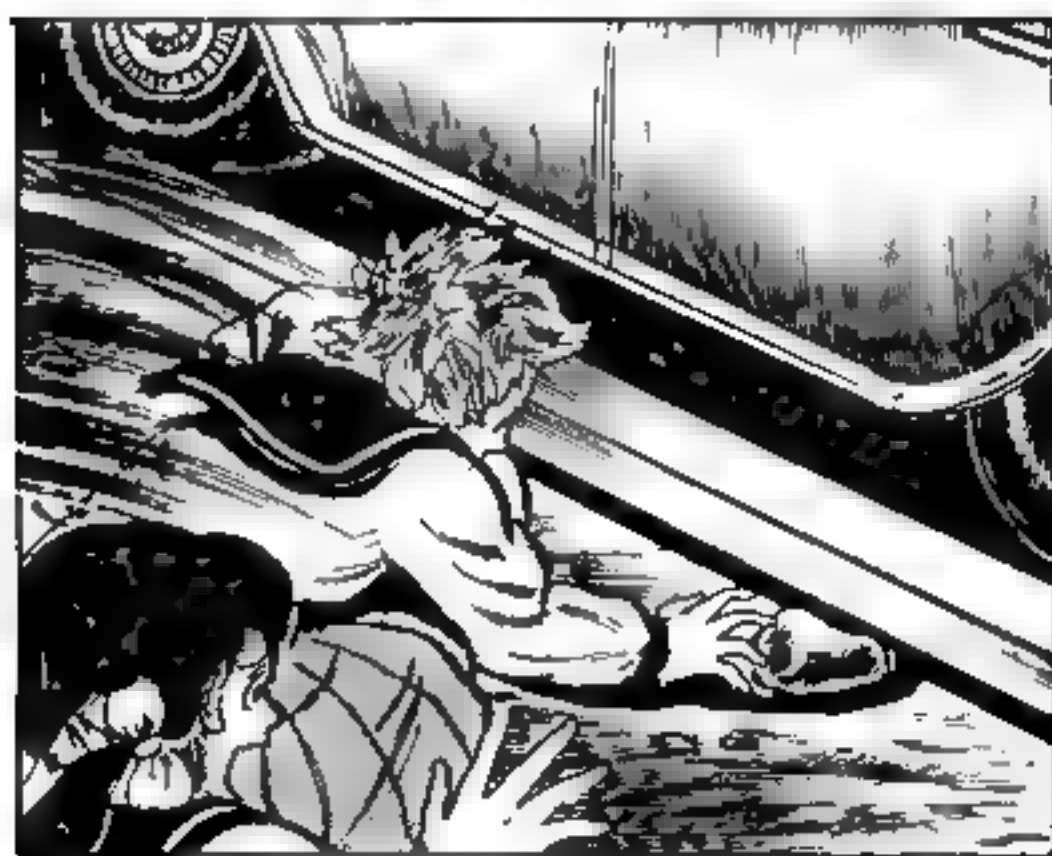
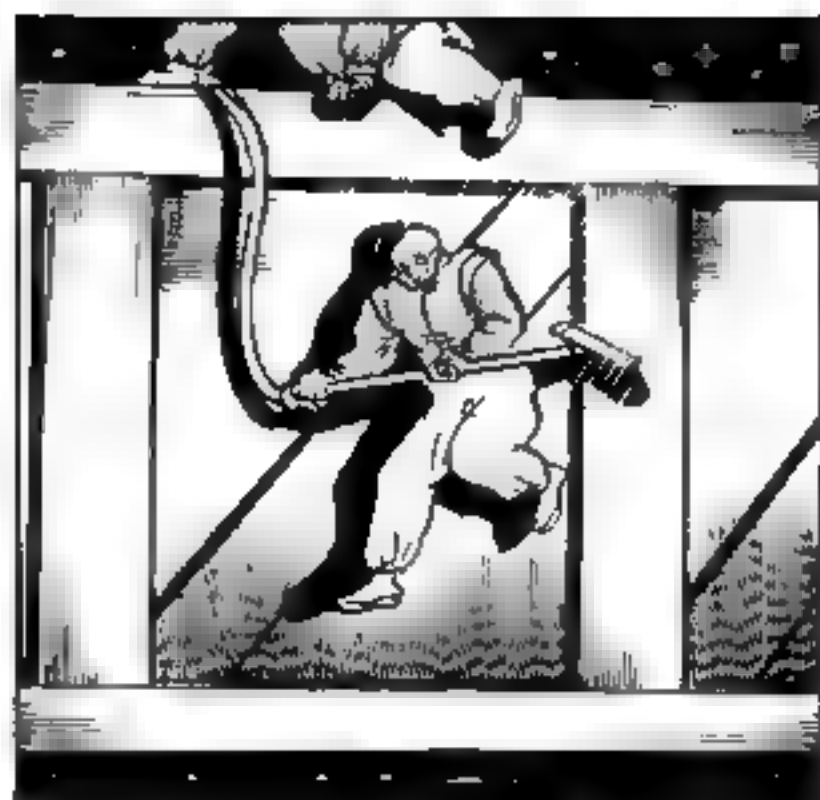
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THERE
IT IS!!



THERE
!!





SFX: BANG

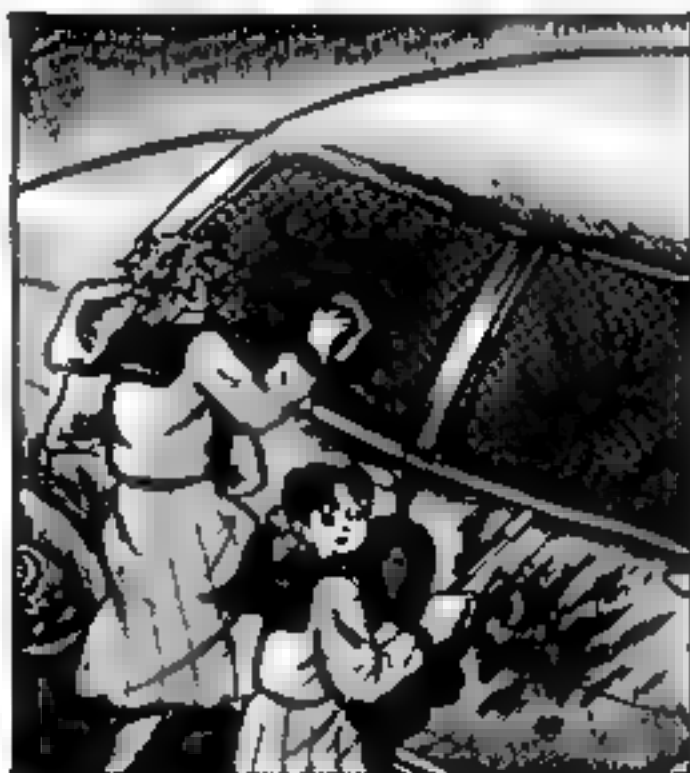


SFX: BANG





SFX: CRACK



SFX: SLAM



SFX: TAP

SFX: TAP

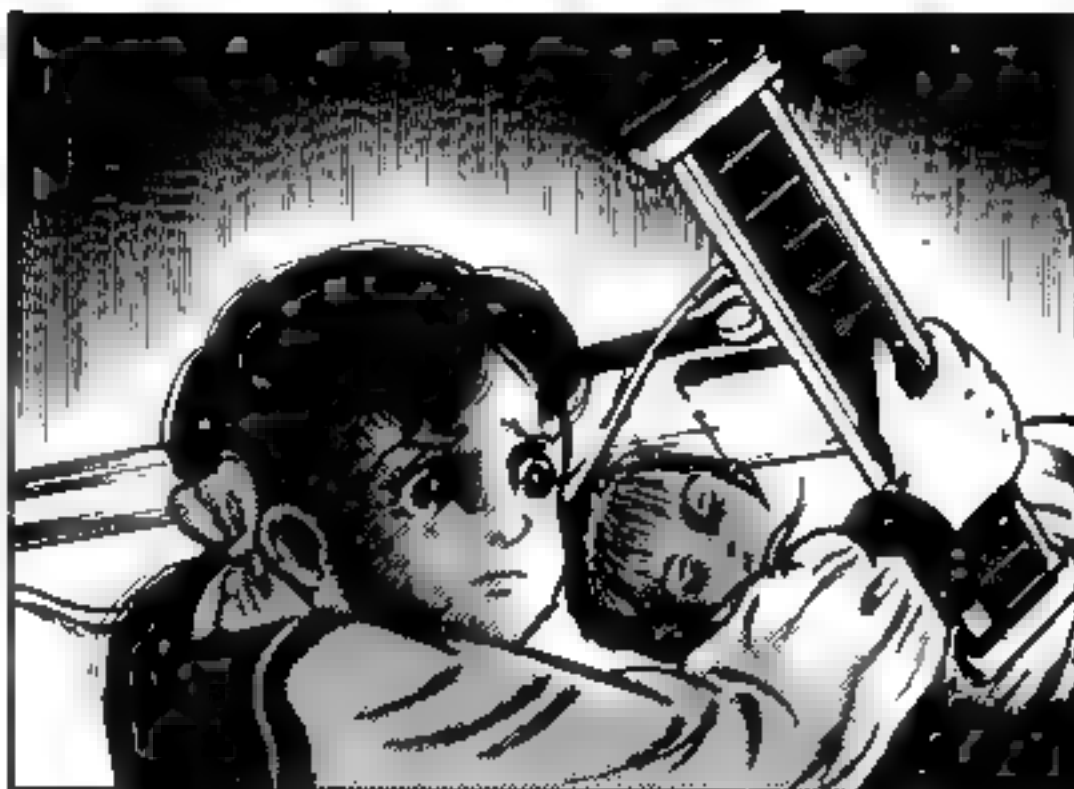
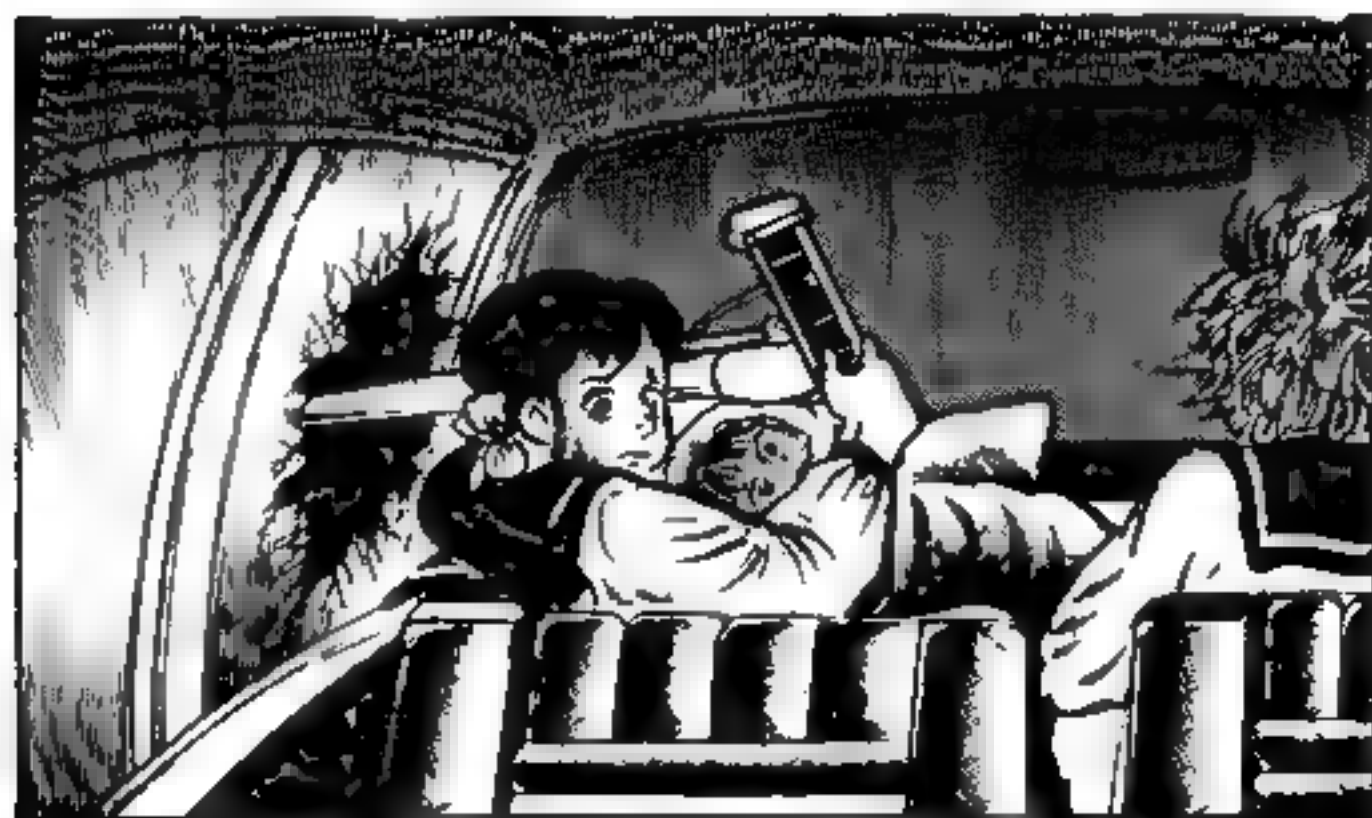


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SFX: TAP







SFX: SNAP





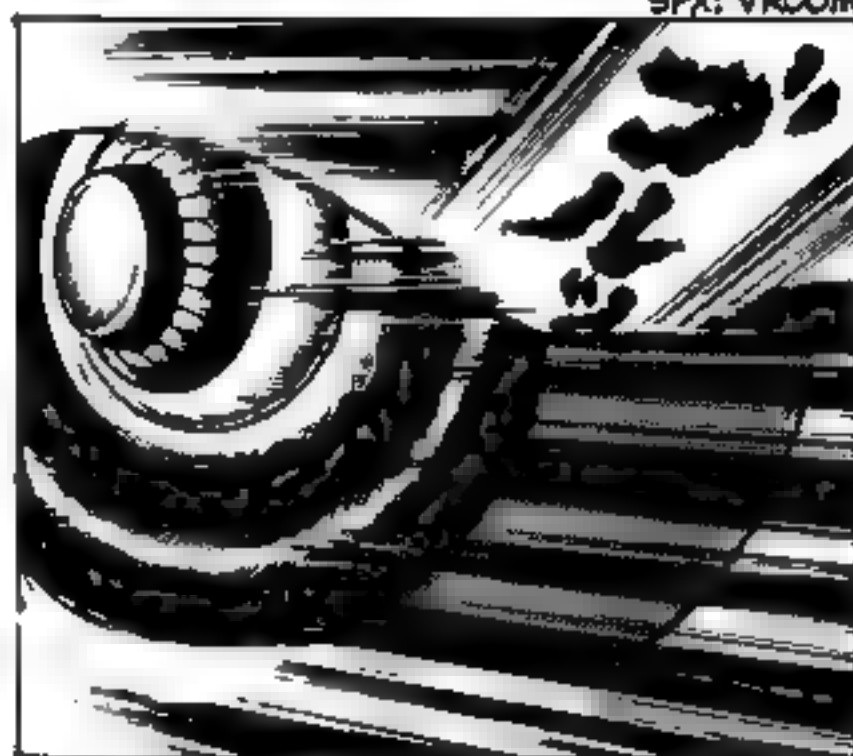
SFX: BEEP



AHH
!!



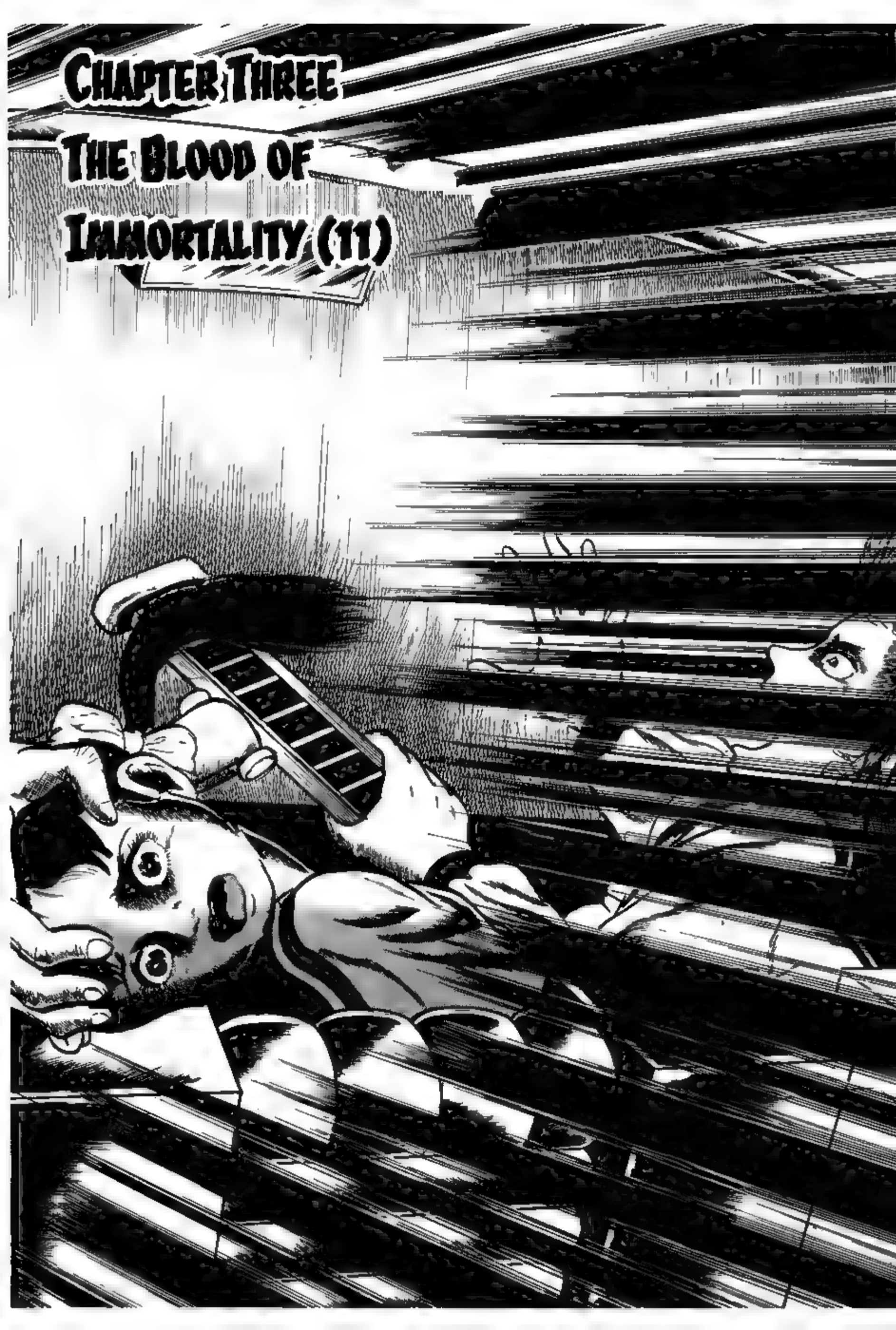
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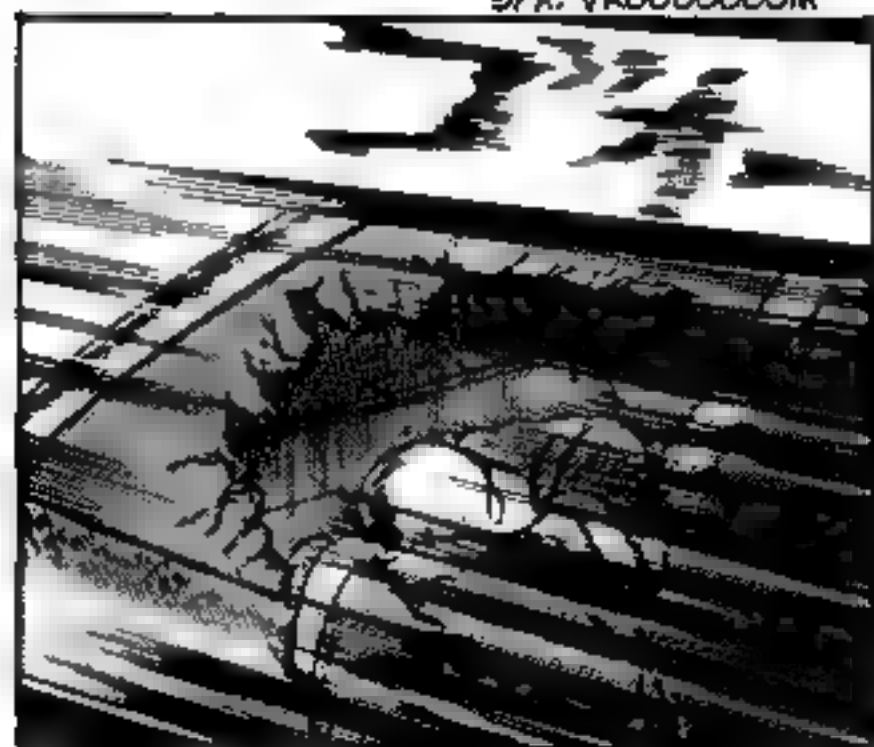
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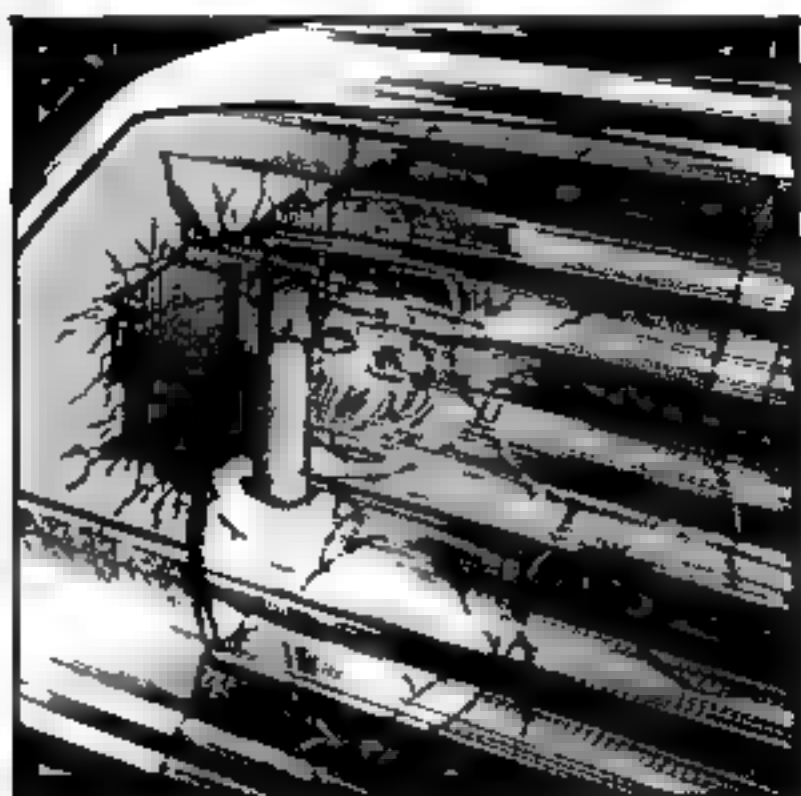


SFX: VROOOOOOOM



SFX: VROOOOOOOM











I HEARD
SUCH A
SCARY SOUND,
I THOUGHT
THEY HAD
KILLED YOU,
YOKKO!!



I'M
JUST TOO
SHOCKED
TO MOVE!!

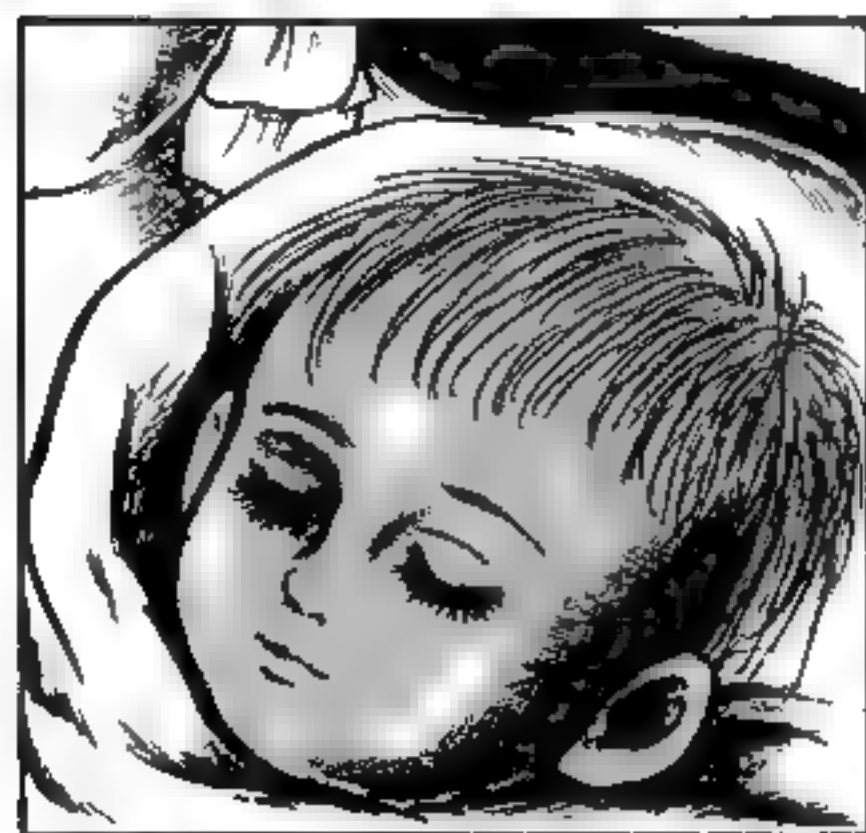
IT'S ALRIGHT,
I DON'T EVEN
FEEL LIKE
I'M IN PAIN!!



WHAT A
RELIEF!!

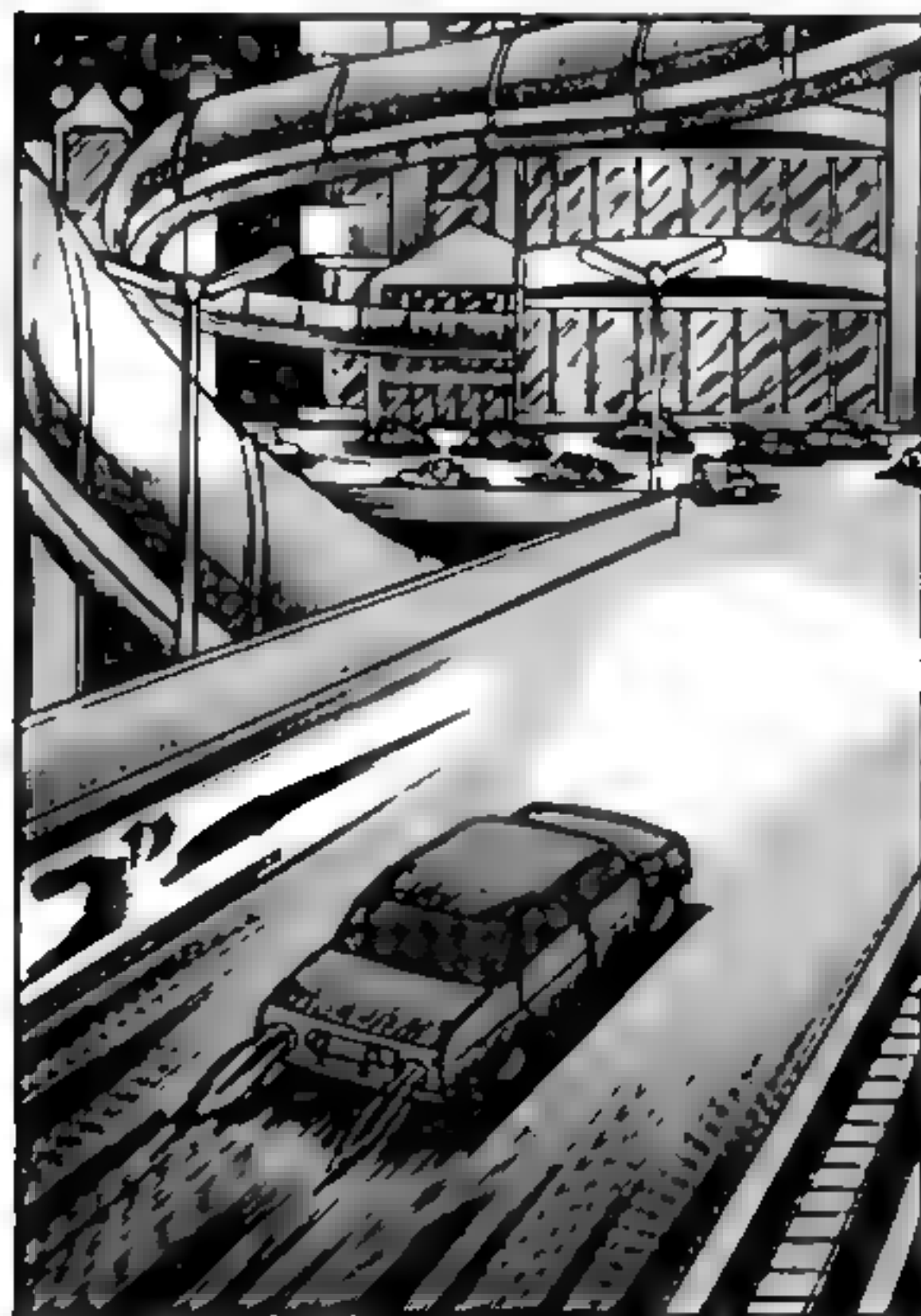


SHE MUST
FEEL SAFE
SINCE SHE'S
IN HER
MOTHER'S
ARMS!!

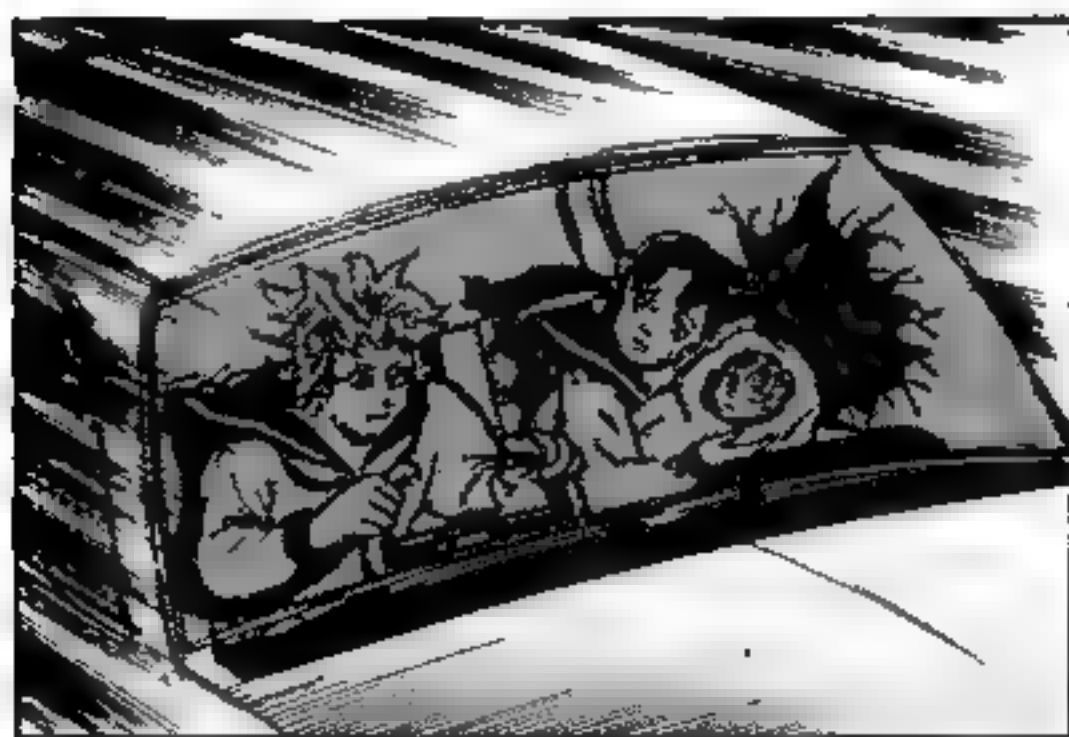


LOOK
HOW
PEACE-
FULLY
SHE'S
SLEEP-
ING!!

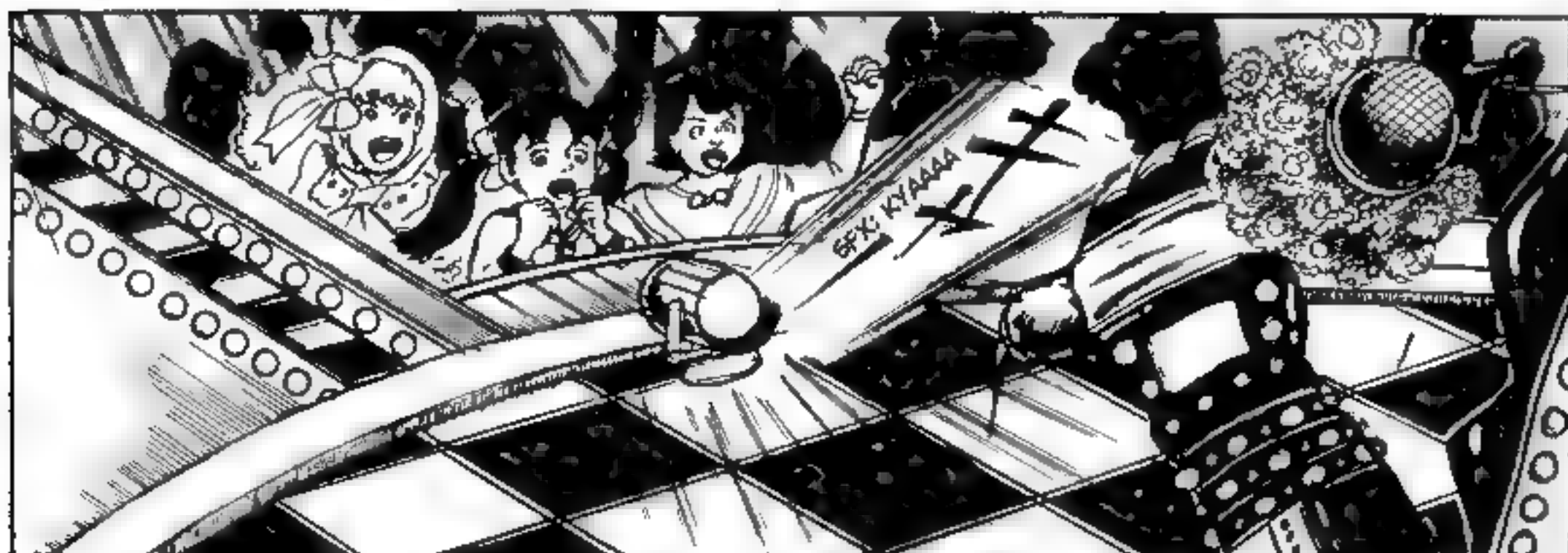
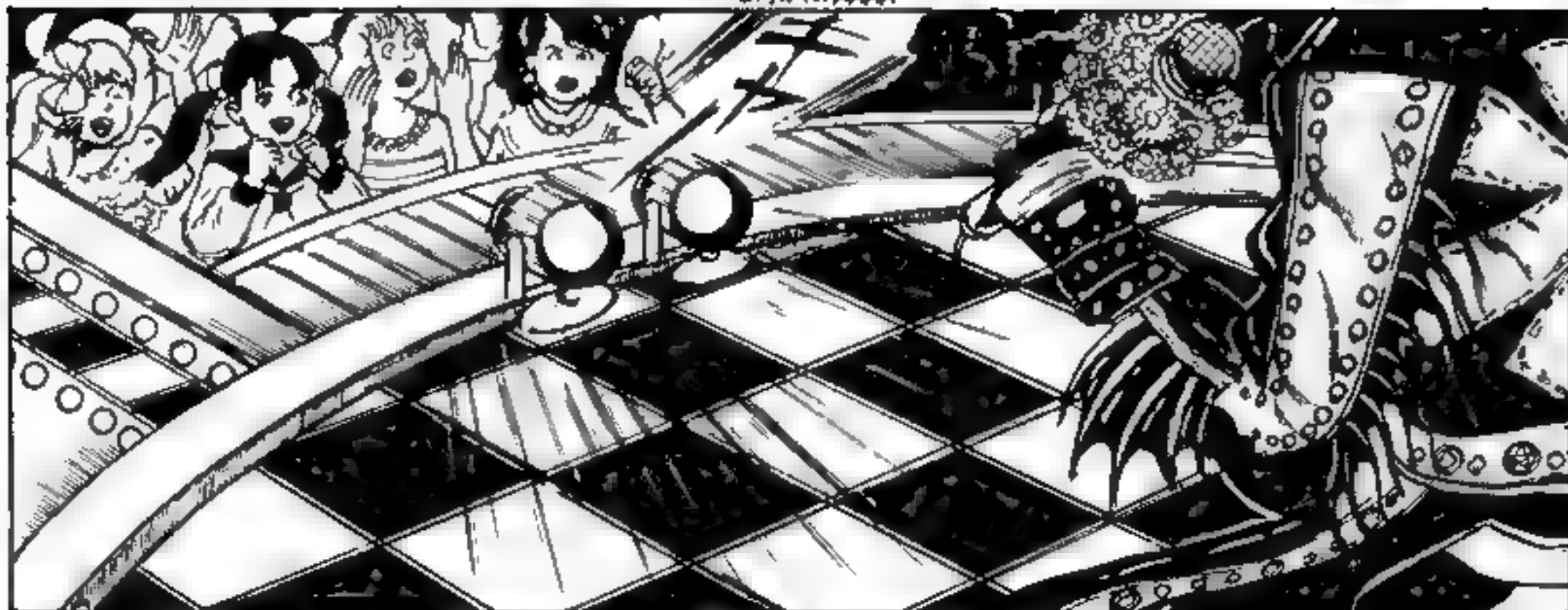
THIS BABY
IS PRETTY
THICK-SKINNED
FOR A
LITTLE GIRL!!



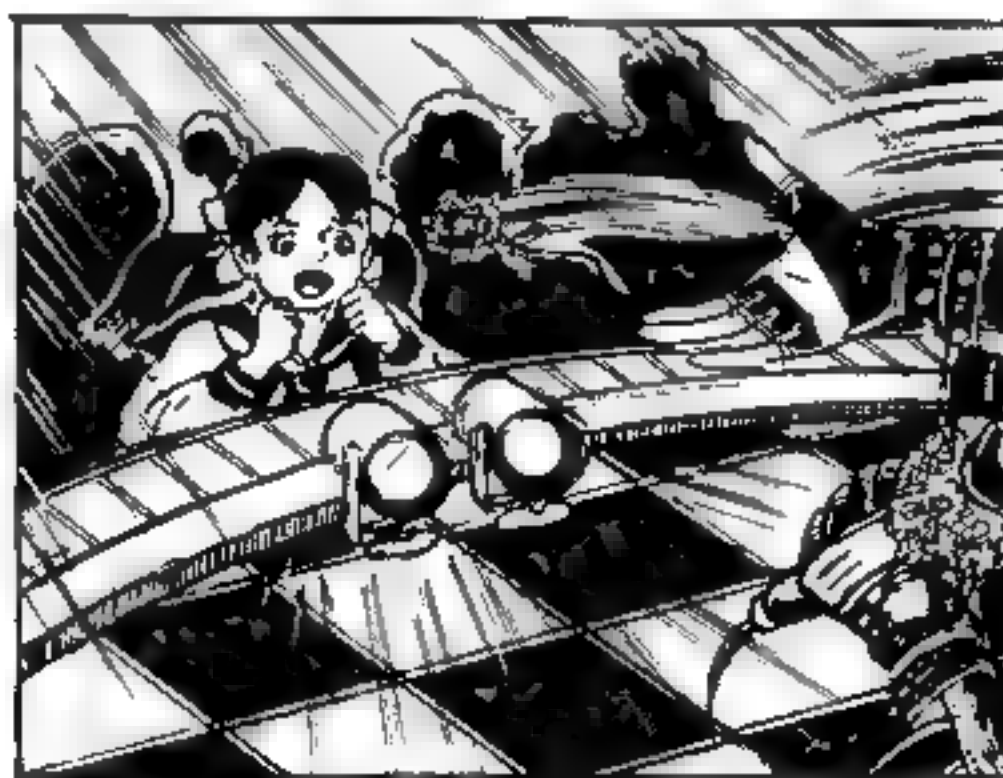
BORN UNDER A WICKED STAR



SFX: KYAAAA



SFX: KYAAAA



THINKING
HE'D LOVE YOU
BECAUSE HE GAVE
YOU A FLOWER!
RIDICULOUS!!



THAT'S A COMMON
TACTIC MUSICIANS USE
TO PULL GIRLS IN!
YOU SHOULD HAVE
KNOWN THAT,
YOKKO!!



AND TAKING
THAT FLOWER
THEN GOING
TO HIS ROOM,
OF ALL
THINGS!!



B-BUT
...



YOU'RE
SUCH
AN IDIOT,
YOKKO!!



WHAT DO YOU MEAN BUT?!
YOU KNEW ALL ABOUT IT,
BUT THE MINUTE YOU GOT
YOUR HANDS ON THAT FLOWER,
YOU CHANGED YOUR MIND?!









THEN
THE
NEXT
THING
YOU
KNEW,
...



AHH
!!



...YOU
WERE
LAYING
BESIDE
HIM?!



AND
THEN YOU
SUDDENLY
LOOKED AT
HIS FACE...



AND
SAW HIM
WITHOUT
MAKEUP!

SFX. KYAAA

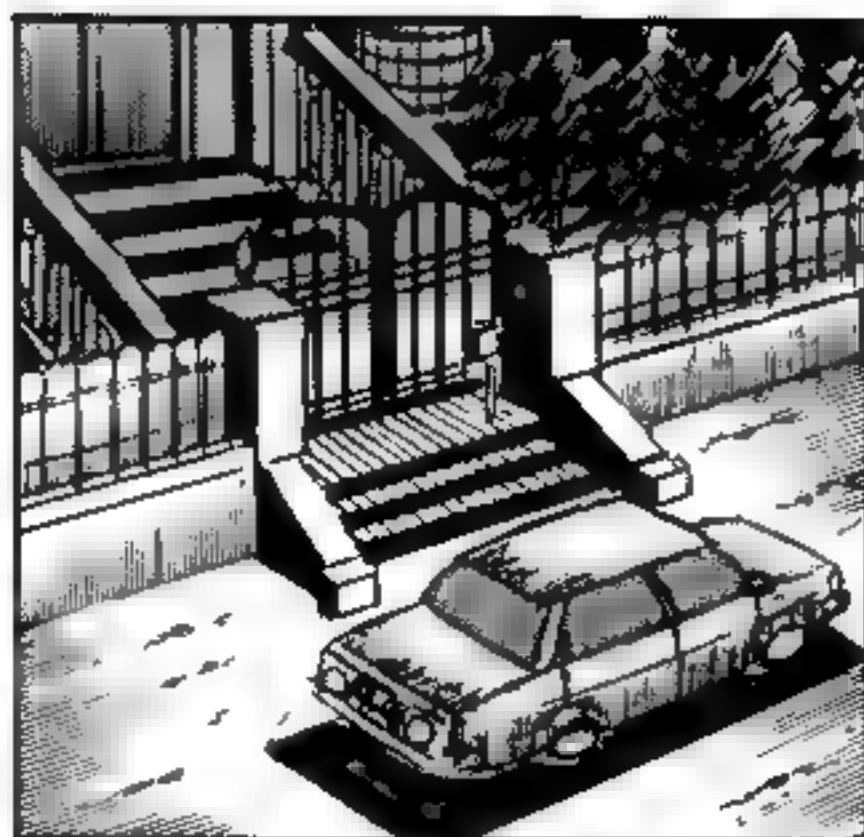


...THAT YOU
GOT SCARED
TO DEATH!!

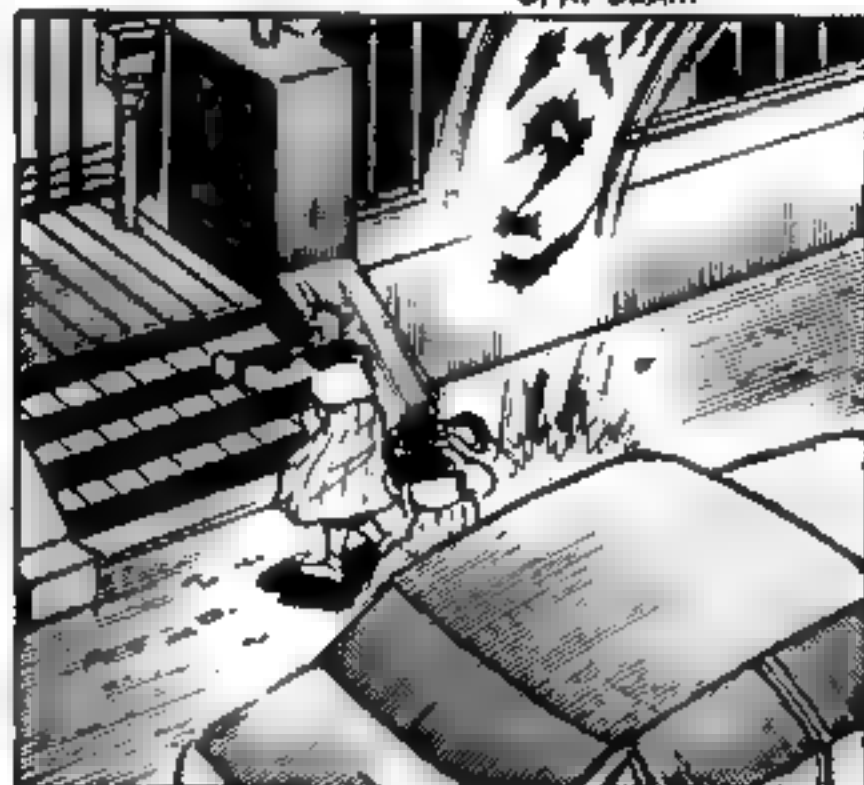


IT WAS SO
DIFFERENT FROM
HOW HE LOOKED
ON THE STAGE,
...

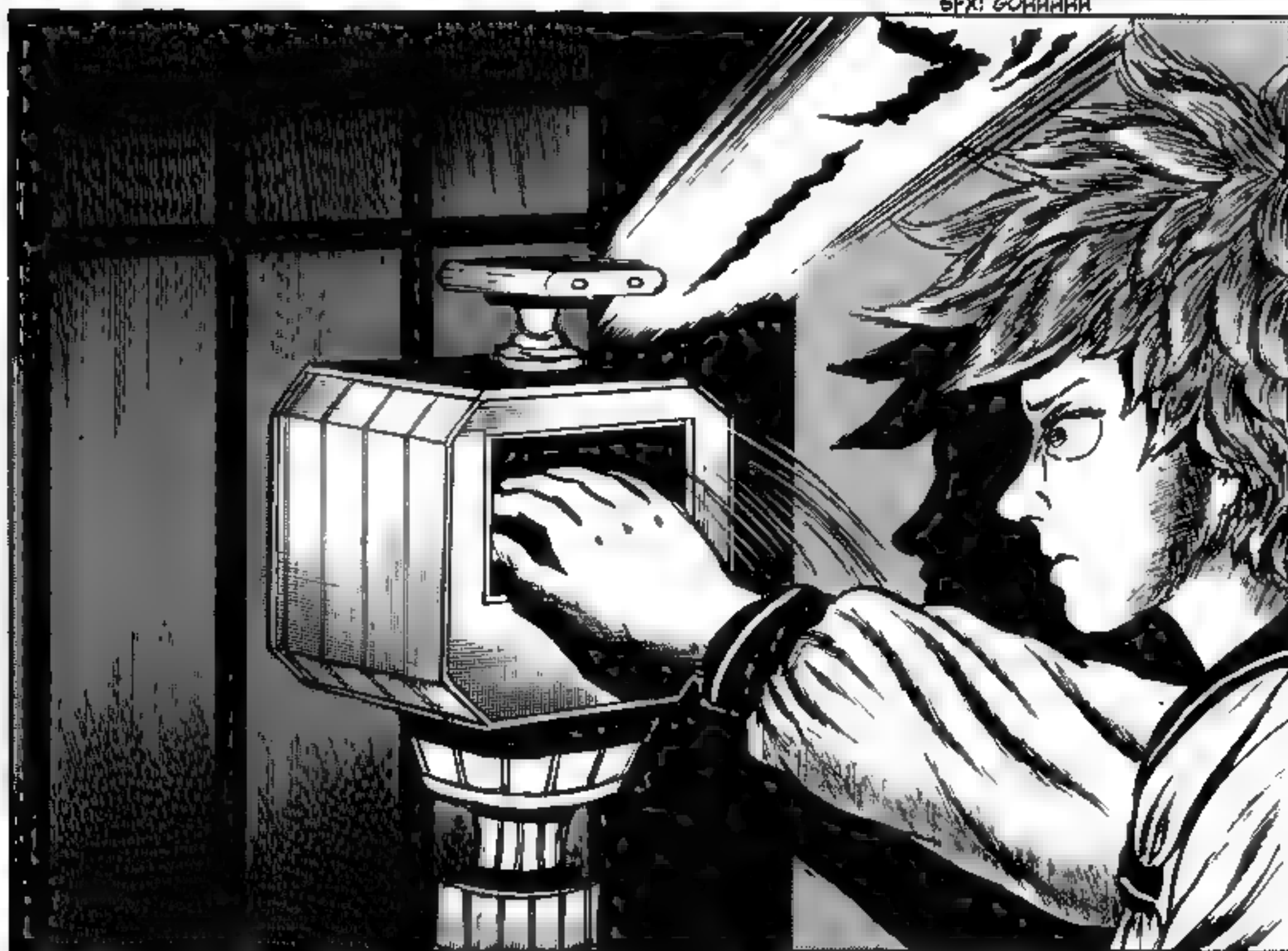




SFX: SLAM



SFX: GOHHHHH

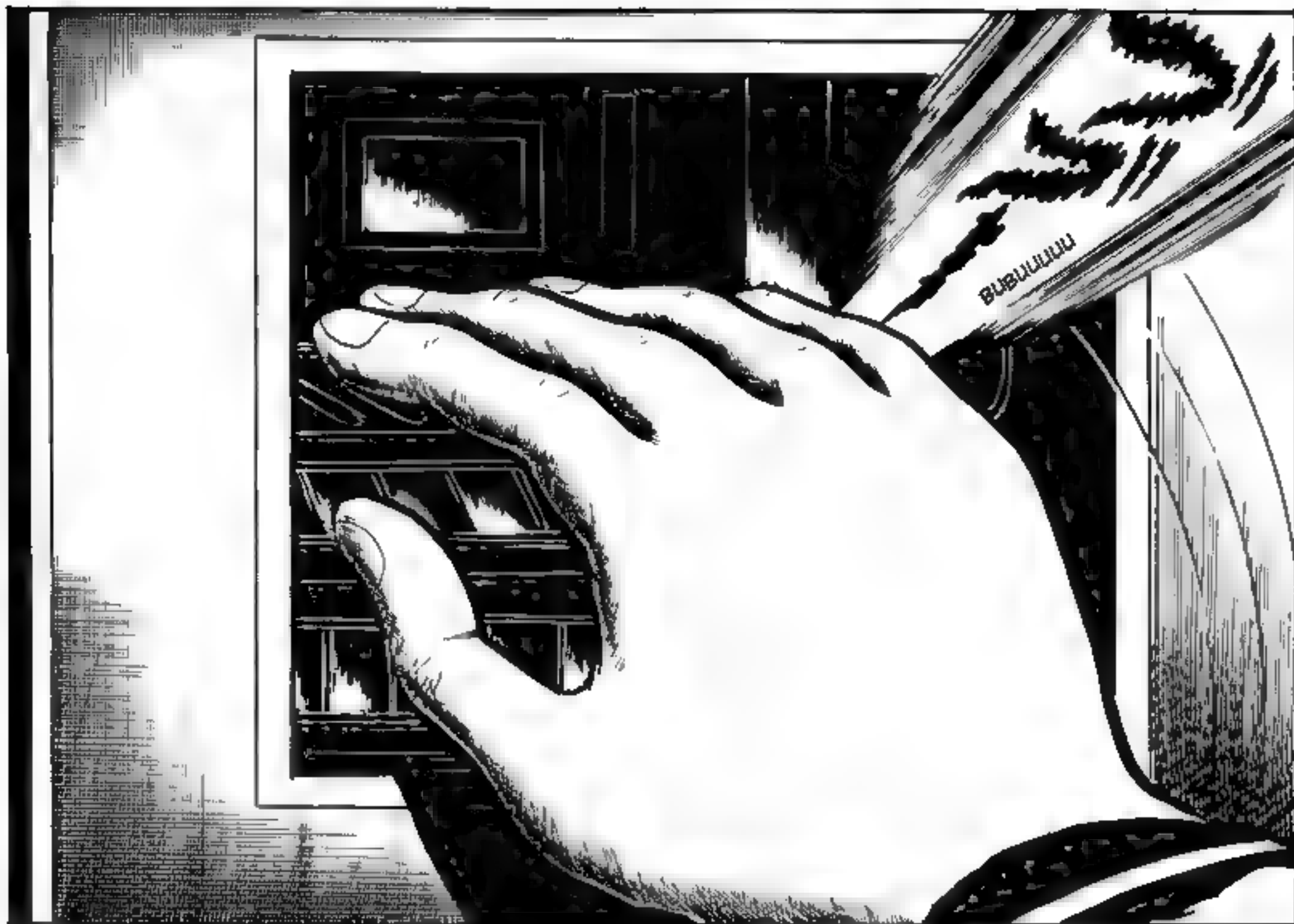


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SFX: BUBUBU.

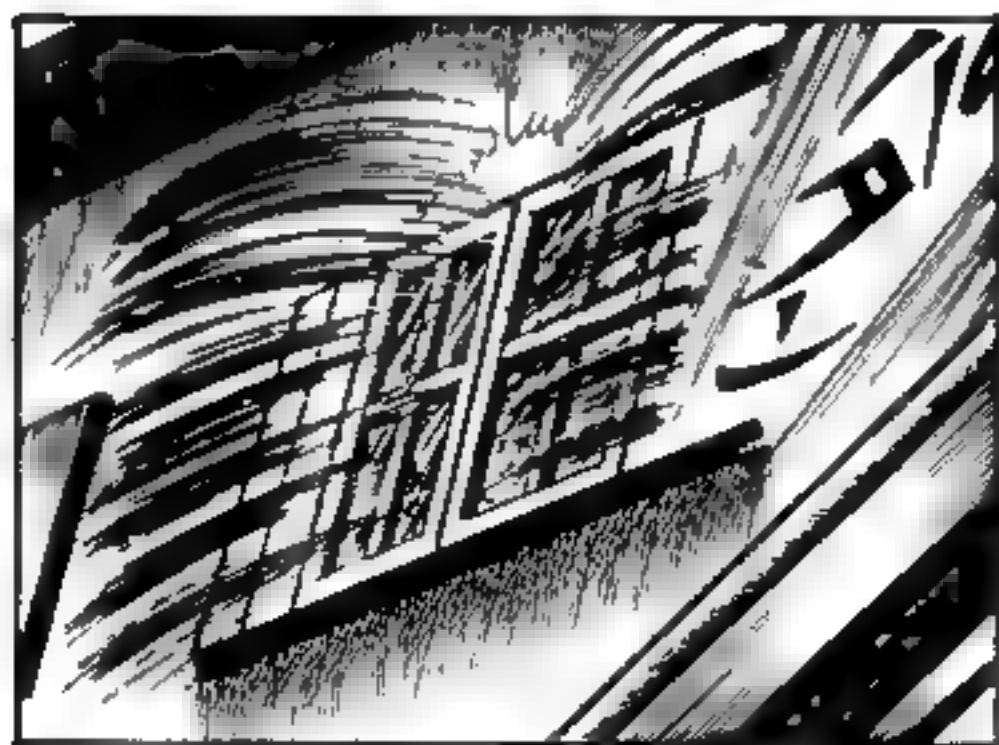




SFX: GATAN.



SFX: GACHA.



SFX: SLAM





PHEW!!



**W-WE'RE
SAVED!!**



YES...



**I'M SORRY...
I-I NEVER
THOUGHT
THAT I WOULD
HAVE A BABY!!**



**THE CLASS
SURE WAS SURPRISED
WHEN THEY FOUND OUT
KIYORA WAS SLEEPING
IN YOUR STOMACH,
YOKKO!!**



I'M NOT
TRYING TO
ATTACK YOU
!!



AND THEN
WHAT WE HEARD
FROM THAT
FORTUNETELLER
!!



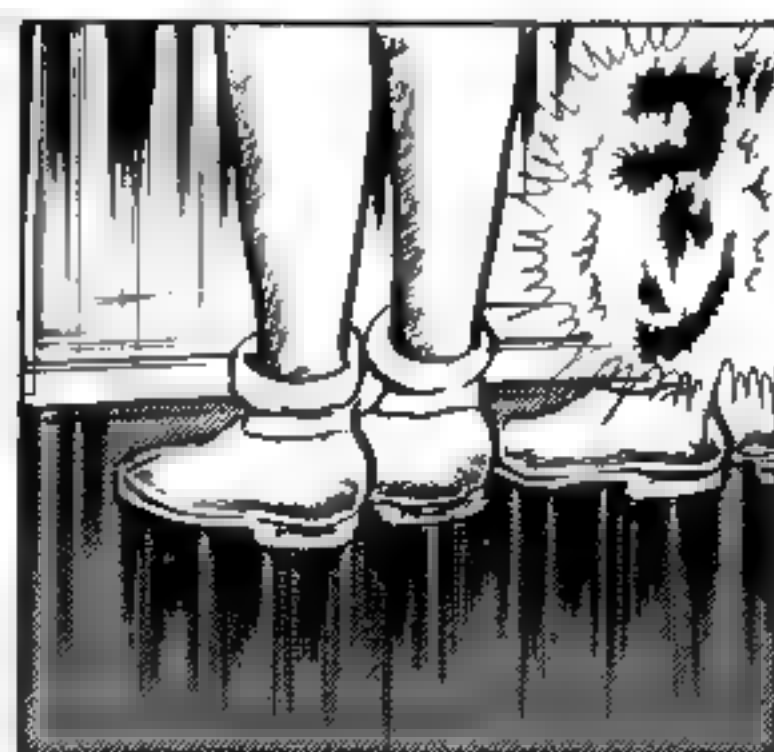
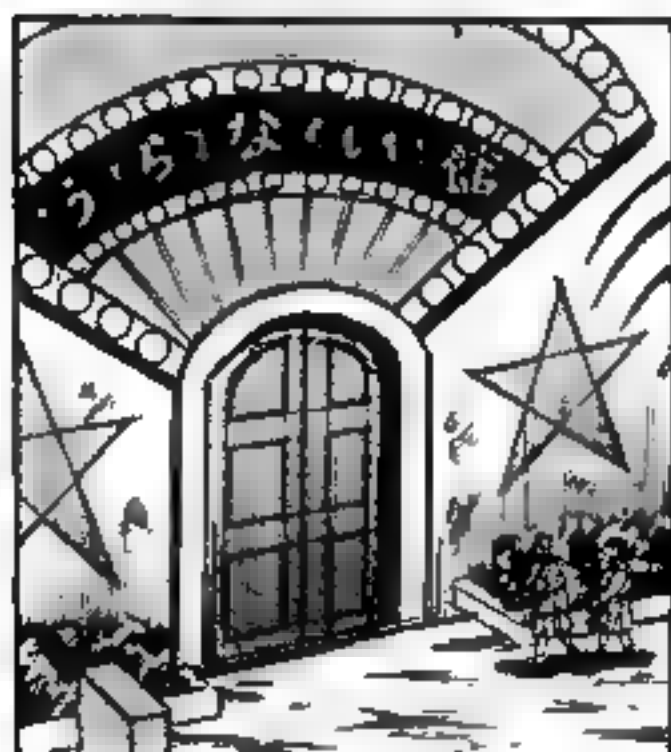
IT WAS
JUST SO
SHOCKING
TO SEE YOUR
STOMACH
GET BIGGER
AND BIGGER
LIKE THAT!!



APPARENTLY
THEIR FORTUNE-
TELLING REALLY
HITS THE MARK.



LOOK
AT THAT
BUILDING.



SFX: CLUNK.



SFX: CREAK.







M-MY BOY-FRIEND!!



THAT'S
REALLY WHAT
YOU WANTED ME
TO LOOK AT,
ISN'T IT?!

YOU'RE
A MIDDLE-
SCHOOL
STUDENT,
AREN'T
YOU?!



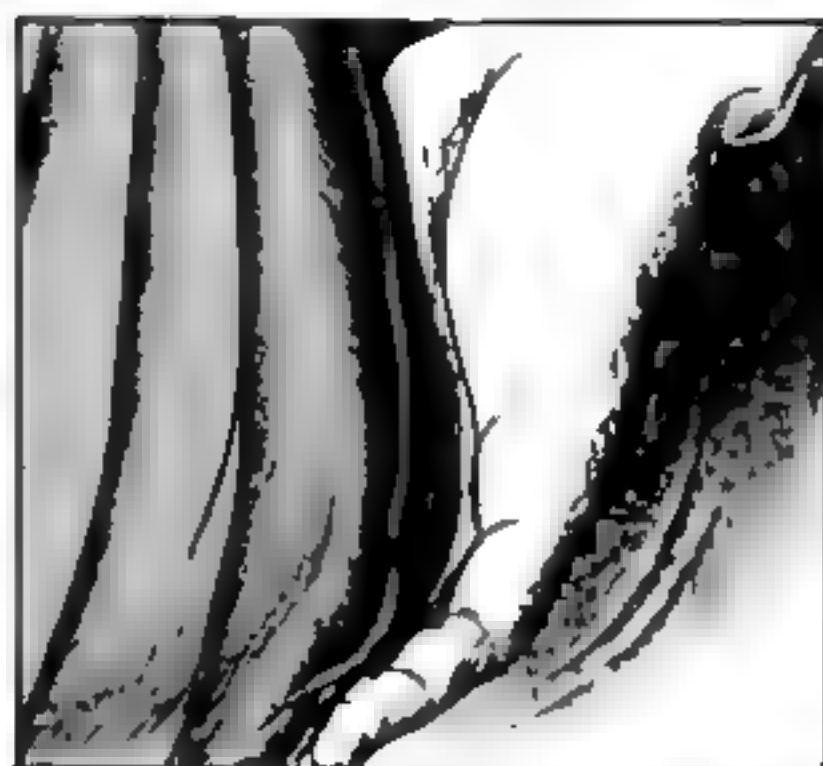
OHH,
YOU!



IN YOUR
STOMACH,
THERE'S
A BABY!!



Y-YES!!







IT WILL
ALL END AT
FOURTEEN!!



AT
FOURTEEN
YEARS...







**THE BABY
IN MY STOMACH
WILL ONLY LIVE
FOR FOURTEEN
YEARS!!**



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IMMORTALITY

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THE BABY
IN MY
STOMACH
WILL DIE
AT 14!!



YET THIS
BABY IN MY
STOMACH...



YOKKO!!

uuuu...



WE'RE BOTH
14 YEARS
OLD RIGHT
NOW!!



ALL THAT
STUFF WAS
MADE UP!
FORGET
ABOUT THE
FORTUNE-
TELLER!!



BELIEVE IN
THE POWER
OF SCIENCE
!!

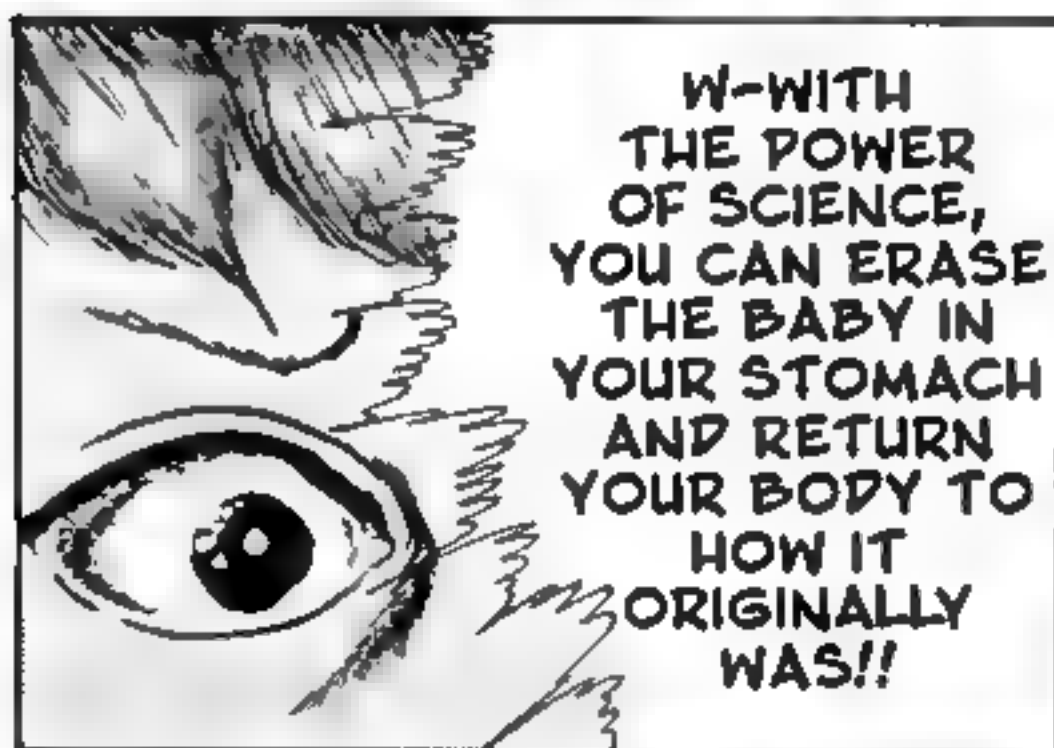


I'M SURE...
WITH THE
POWER OF
SCIENCE,
IT'LL ALL
WORK OUT!!



EHH?!

YOU MEAN
WITH THE POWER
OF SCIENCE,
MY BABY WILL
BE ABLE TO LIVE
LONGER THAN
14 YEARS?!



W-WITH
THE POWER
OF SCIENCE,
YOU CAN ERASE
THE BABY IN
YOUR STOMACH
AND RETURN
YOUR BODY TO
HOW IT
ORIGINALLY
WAS!!



N-NO,
T-T-T-
THAT'S
NOT WHAT
I MEANT!!



N-NOT KILL...
IT JUST
MEANS, UM,
EVERYTHING
WILL BE
RETURNED
BACK TO
NORMAL!!

EHH?!
WHAT?!
YOU MEAN
KILL MY
CHILD?



I DON'T
WANT TO DO
SOMETHING
LIKE THAT!!

NO!!
THAT'D
KILLING A
NEWBORN
LIFE!!



YOU HAVE
NO IDEA
WHAT
YOU'RE
TALKING
ABOUT,
DO YOU?

I DON'T
WANT TO FEEL
SUCH PAIN,
AND I ALSO
WANT TO MAKE
MY NEWBORN
CHILD
HAPPY!!



B-BUT
WHAT
ELSE
CAN YOU
DO?!



THEN
WHAT
SHOULD
I DO?!

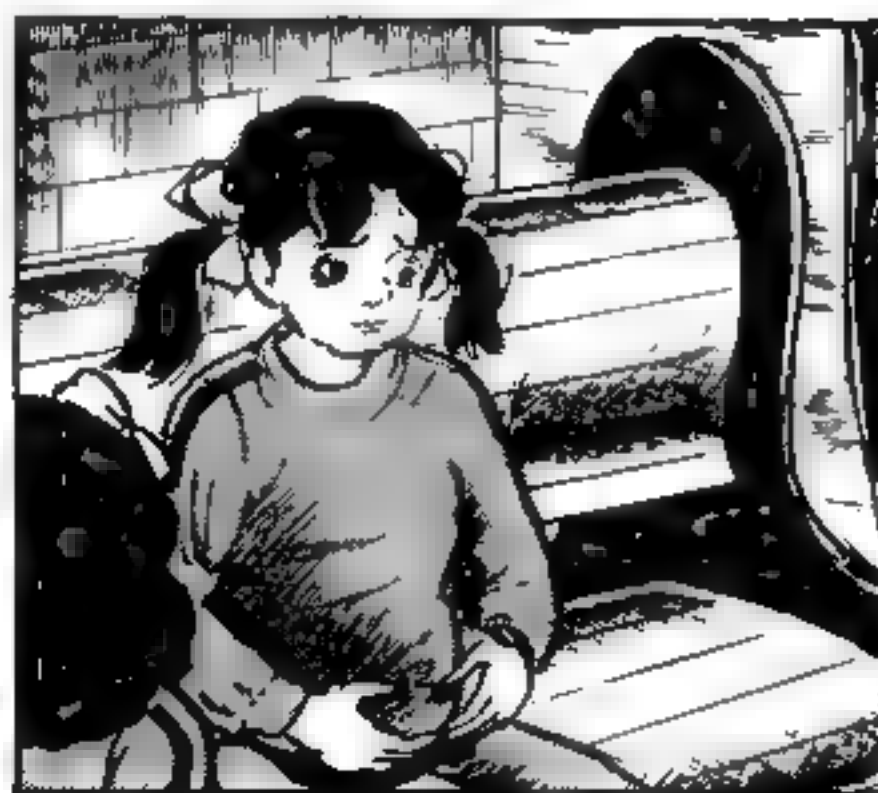


YEAH!
CAN'T
YOU SEE
?!

OH
REALLY
?!



UWAHHH
!!





DO YOUR
PARENTS
KNOW ABOUT
THIS?



Y-YEAH
...



IF YOU DON'T DO
SOMETHING FAST,
THE BABY WILL
GET TOO MATURED!!



W-WHAT
SHOULD
SHE DO?!

YOKKO'S PARENTS
ARE GOVERNMENT
WORKERS,
SO SHE'D BE IN
HUGE TROUBLE
IF THEY FOUND
OUT!!



BUT NOT
A NORMAL
ONE!!



I THINK YOU
SHOULD GO TO
A HOSPITAL!!



YOU'LL JUST
HAVE TO GO
TO A SECRET ONE
WHERE THEY'LL
TAKE CARE OF IT
FOR YOU!!



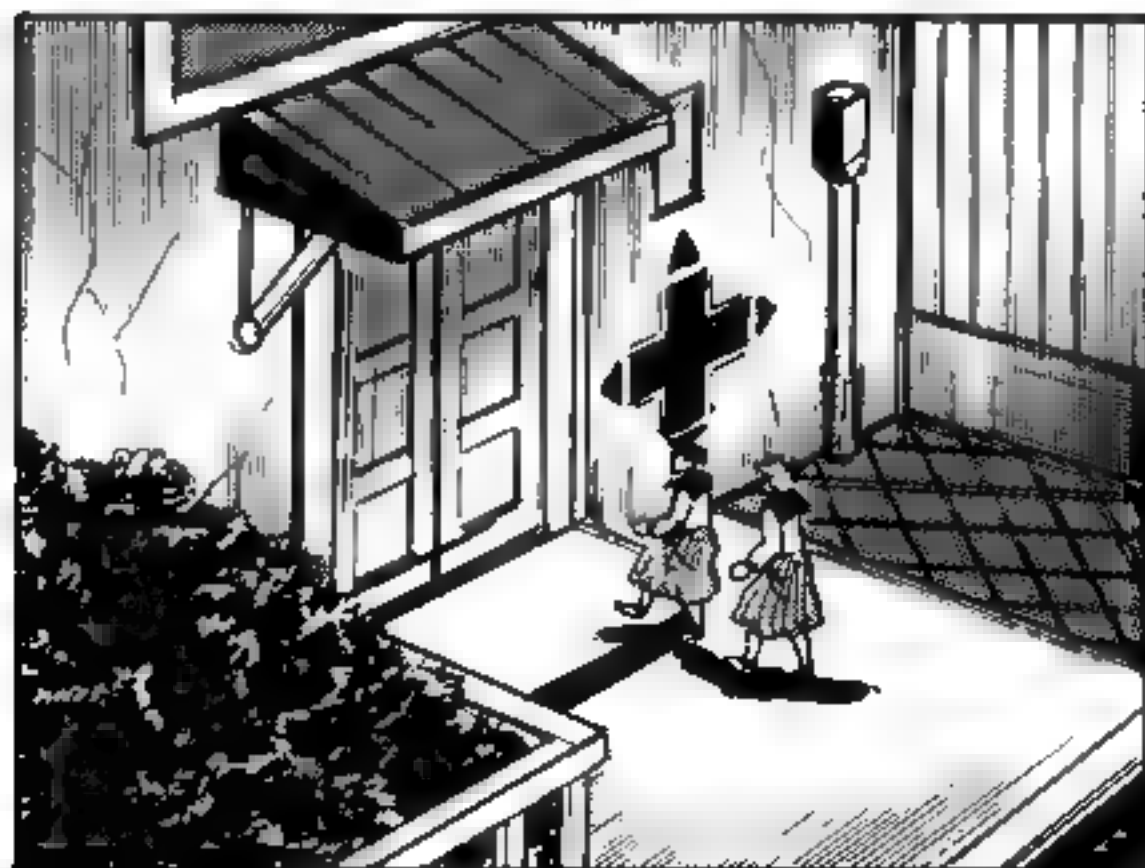
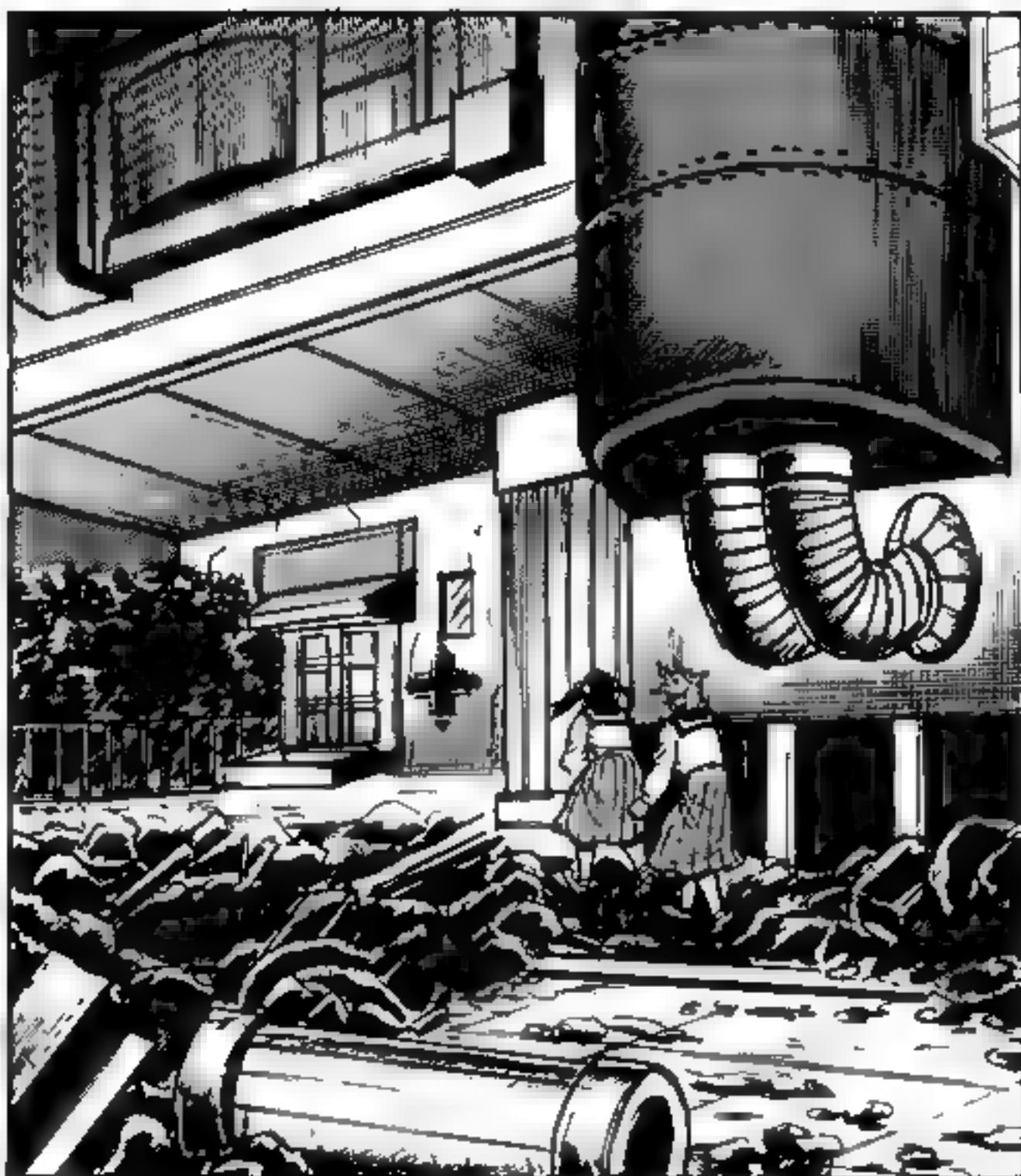
THAT'S WHEN
WE DECIDED
TO GO TO
THE SECRET
HOSPITAL!!



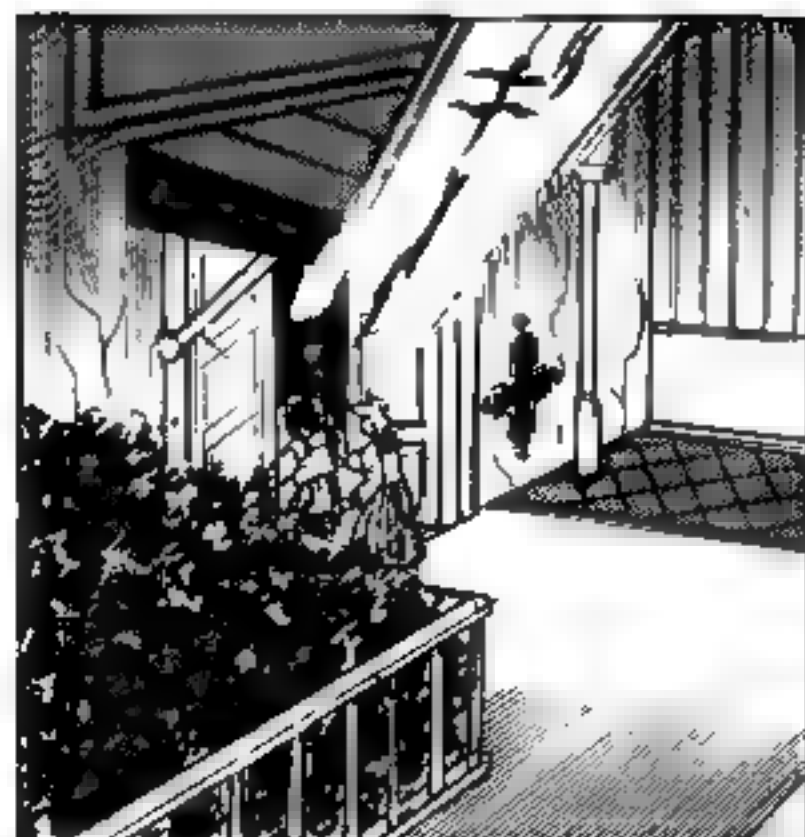
THERE
IT IS!!



I-I'M
SCARED!!



NO
HESIT-
ATING
!!



SFX: CREAK.



SFX: SLAM / LOCK.





NAME: TOGAWA YOUKO.

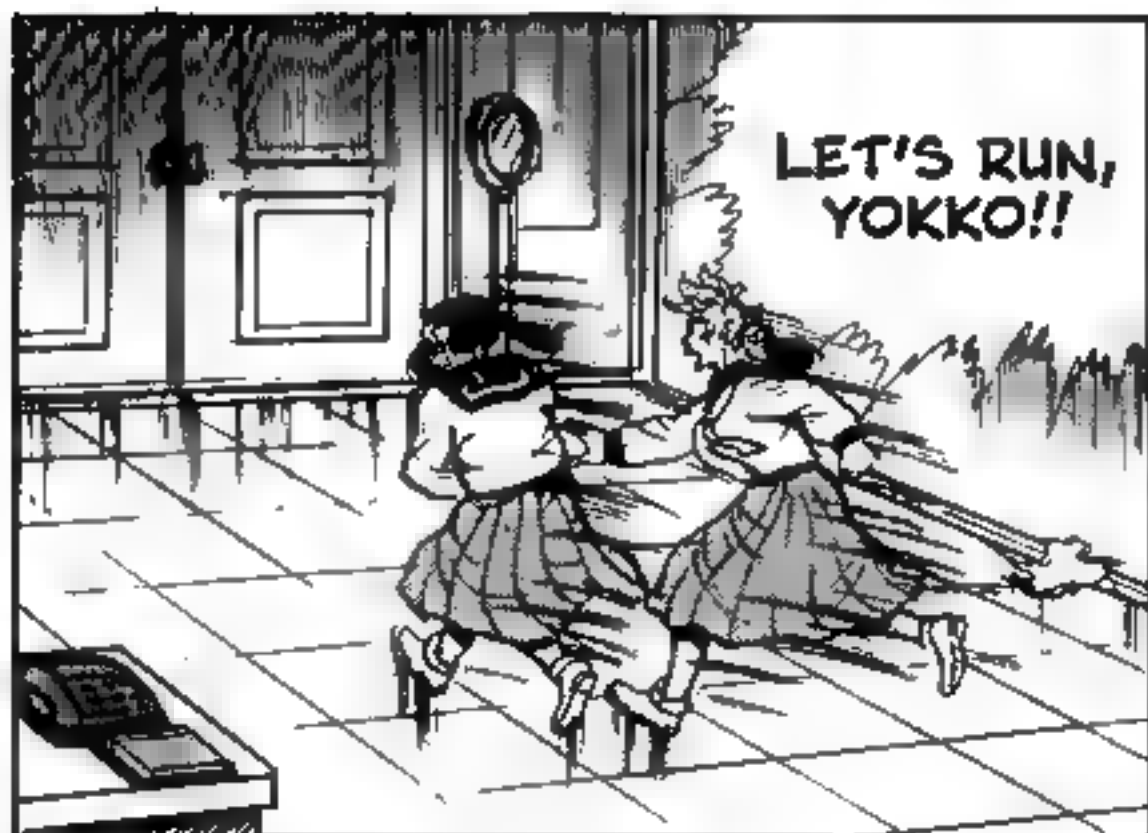


SFX: BAH.









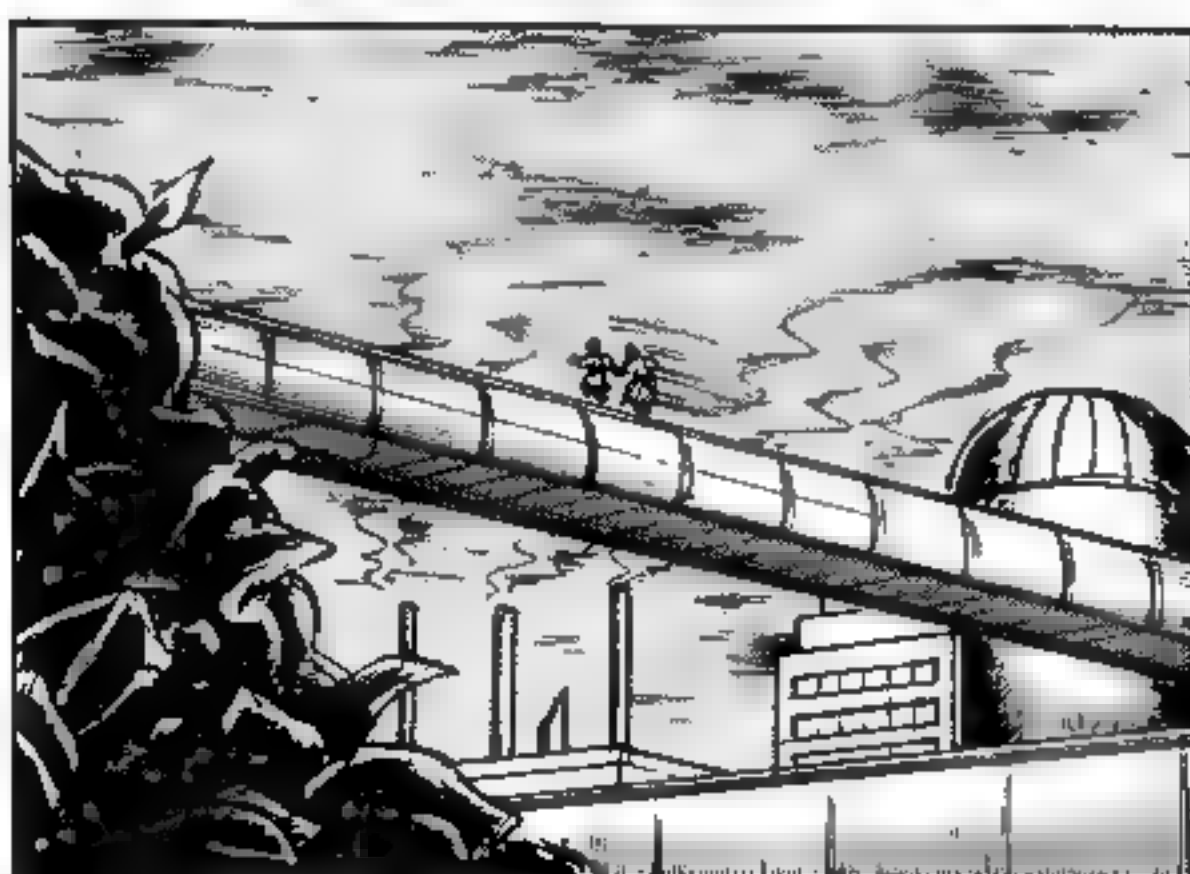
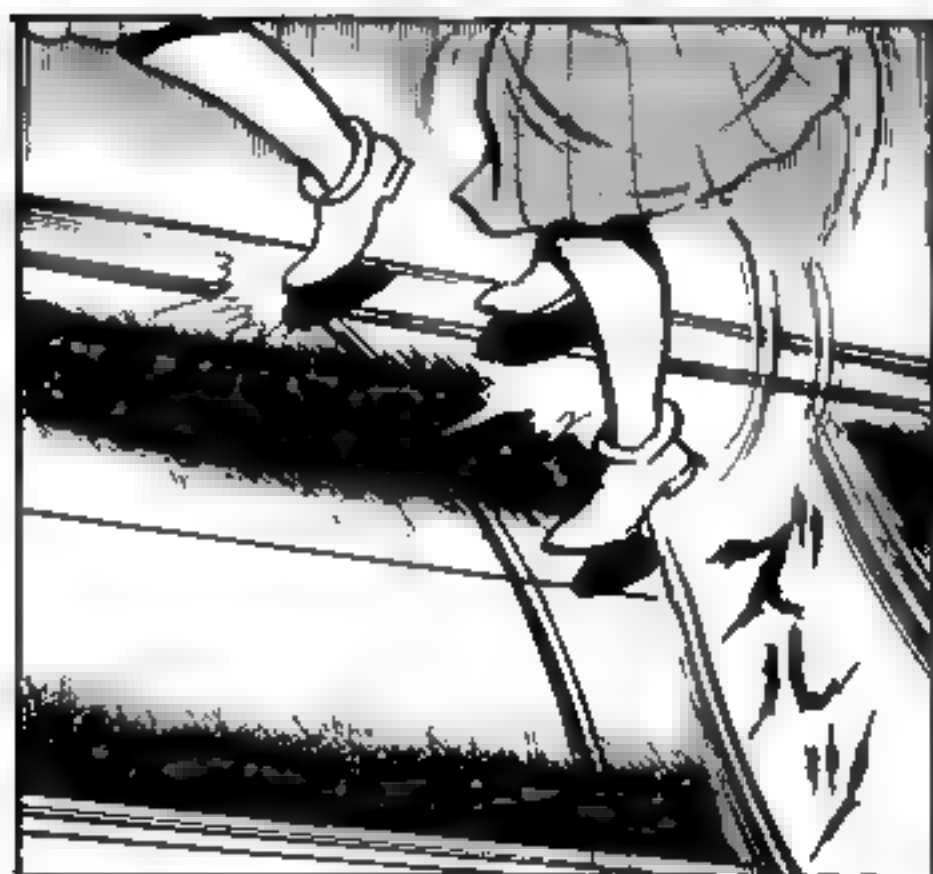
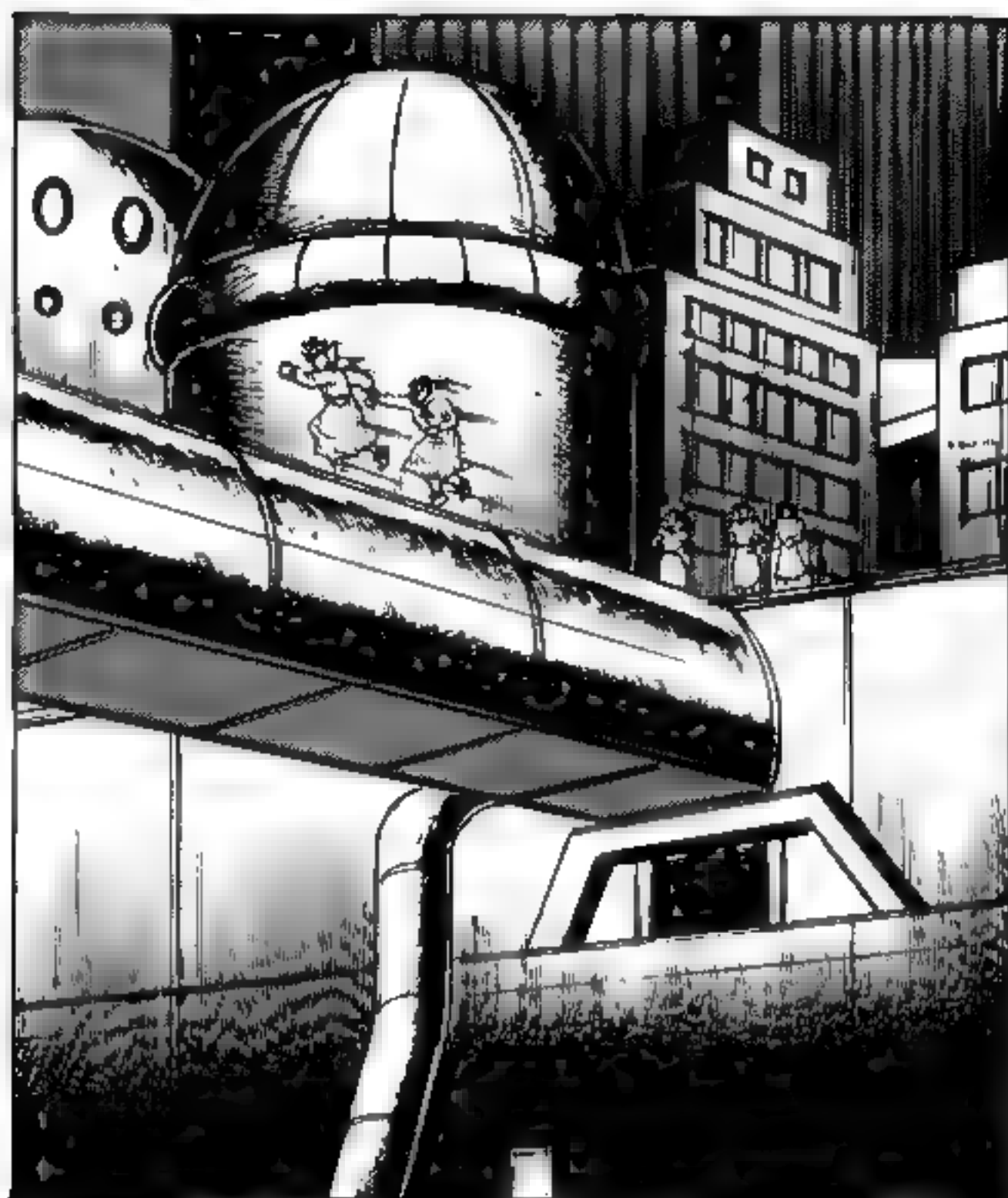
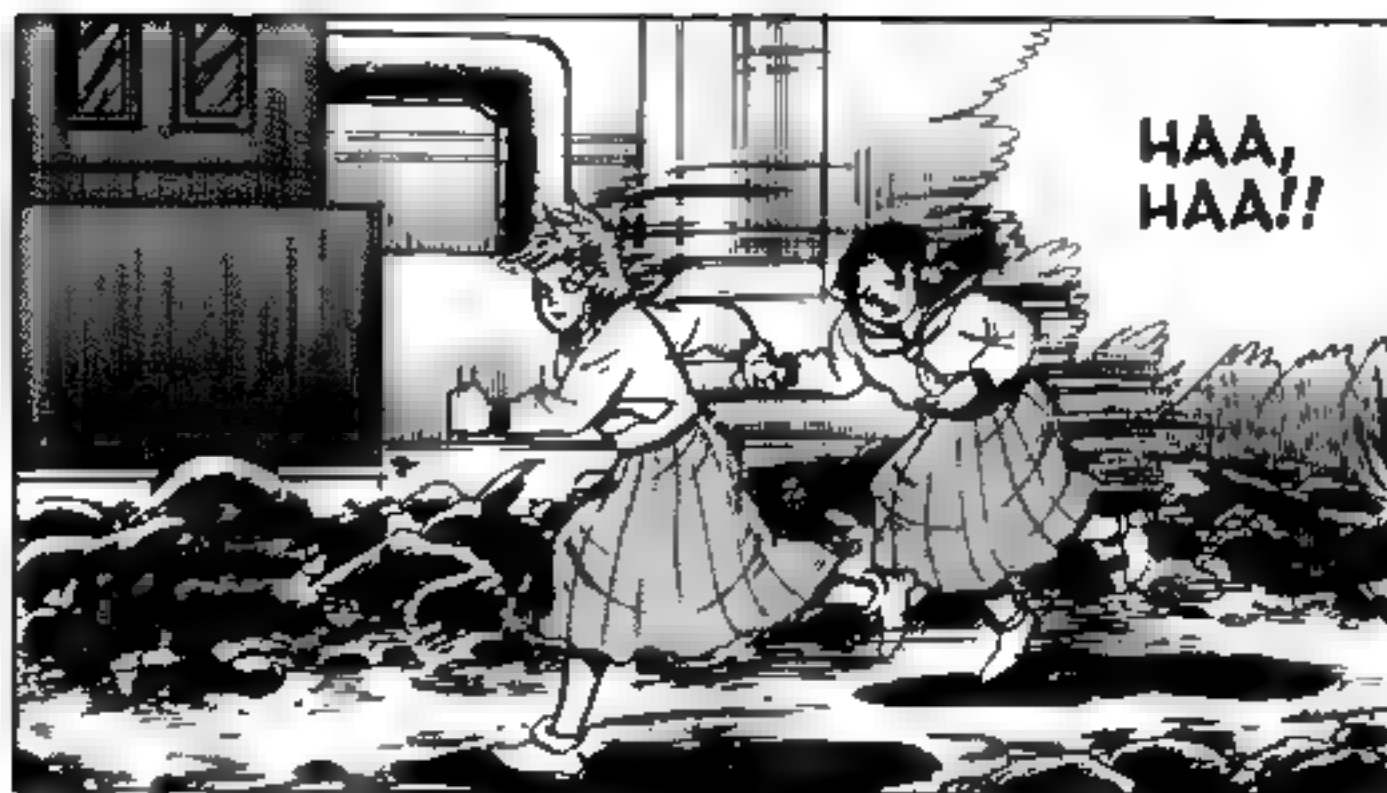


SFX: BOOM.

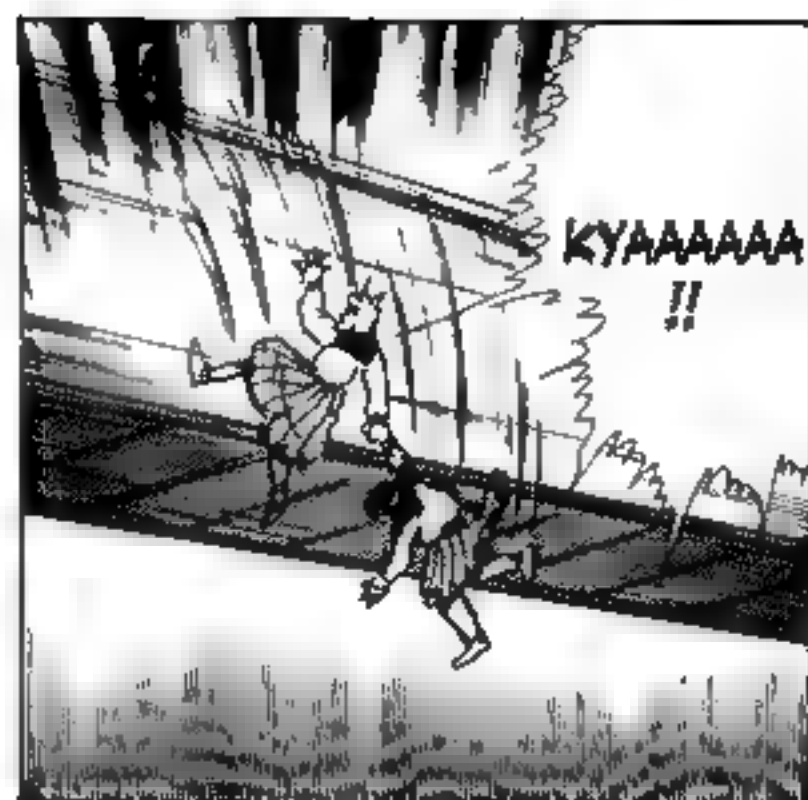


SFX: GAN.





SFX: SLIP.



SFX: BOOM.





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THE
BABY
!!



B-BUT
IT IS!!



EHHH
!!



UUU-
UU!!



P-
PLEASE
!!



N-NOT
IN A
PLACE
LIKE
THIS...

N-
NOO,
NOT
HERE
!!



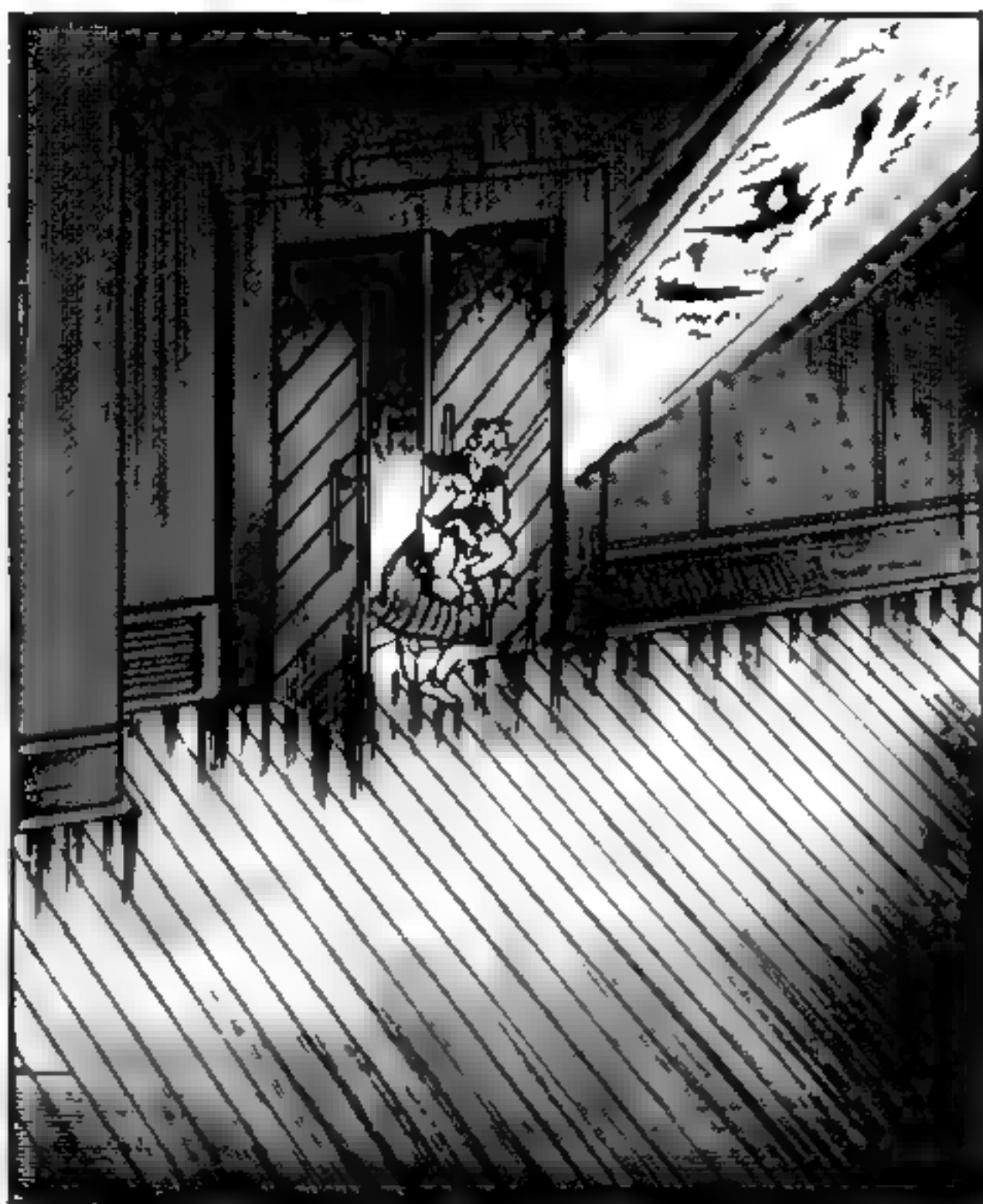
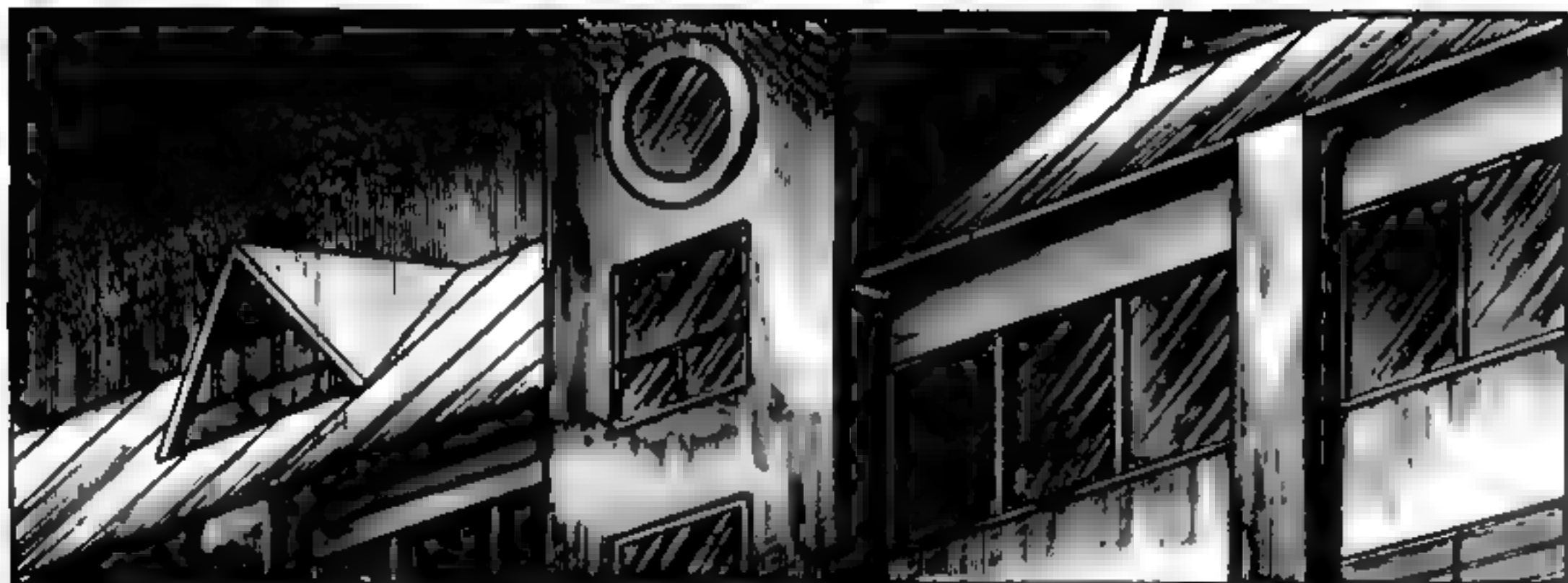
OKAY,
LET'S GO
TO THE
SCHOOL
GYMNASIUM
!!



WE'LL
GET
CAUGHT
HERE!!



YOKKO
!!



SFX. SLAM.





SFX: OGYAAAAAAAH.





SFX: OGYAAAAAAHHH.



THE BABY
IS ALL
GREEN!!



I-IT'S
GREEN!!

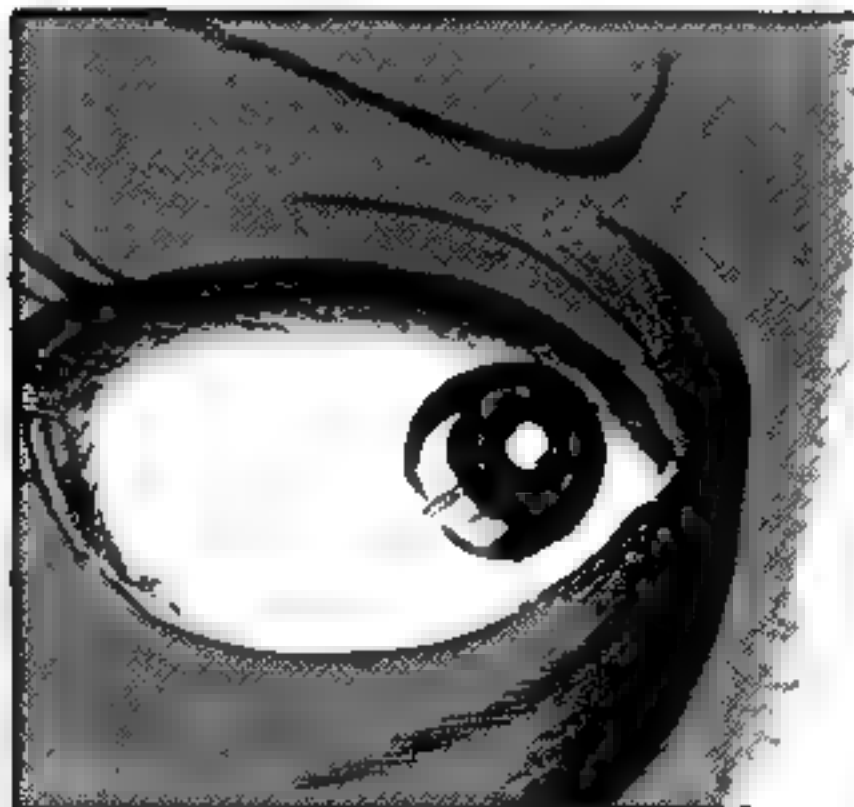


KYAA-
AAAA-
HHHH!!



GYAAAAHHH!!







SFX: CREAK.





SFX: CREAK.



WHAT
ARE YOU
STANDING
AROUND
FOR?!



SFX: CLICK.



ANOTHER
HAND...



AHH?!



SFX: CREAK.



SFX: GRIP.



АHHH!!

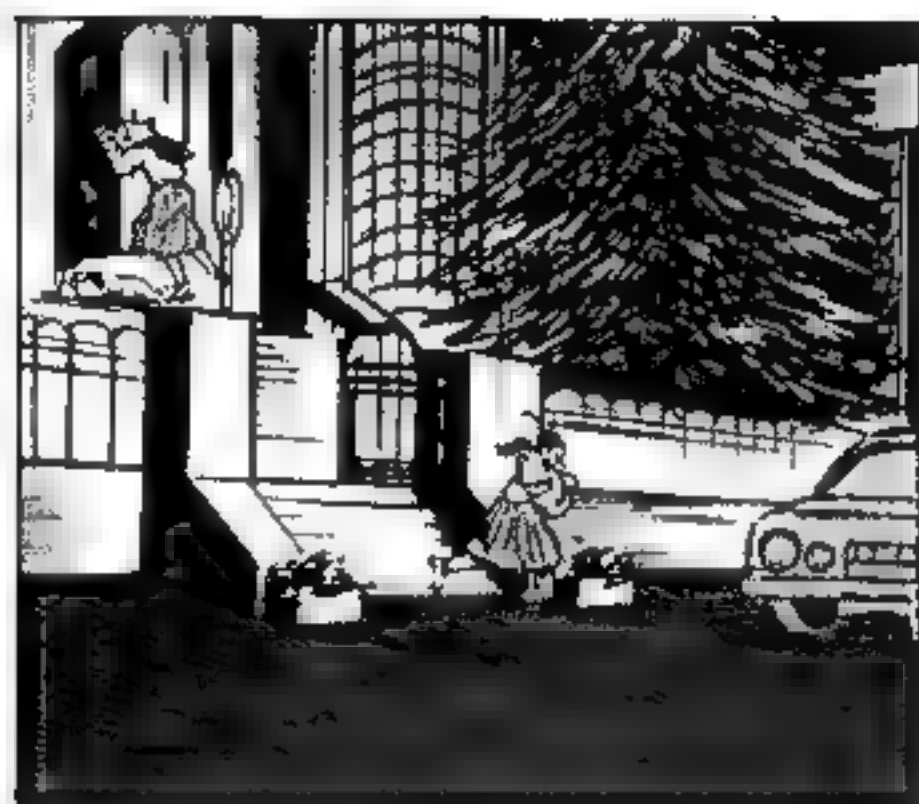


HEH
HEH!!





SFX: BLAM.

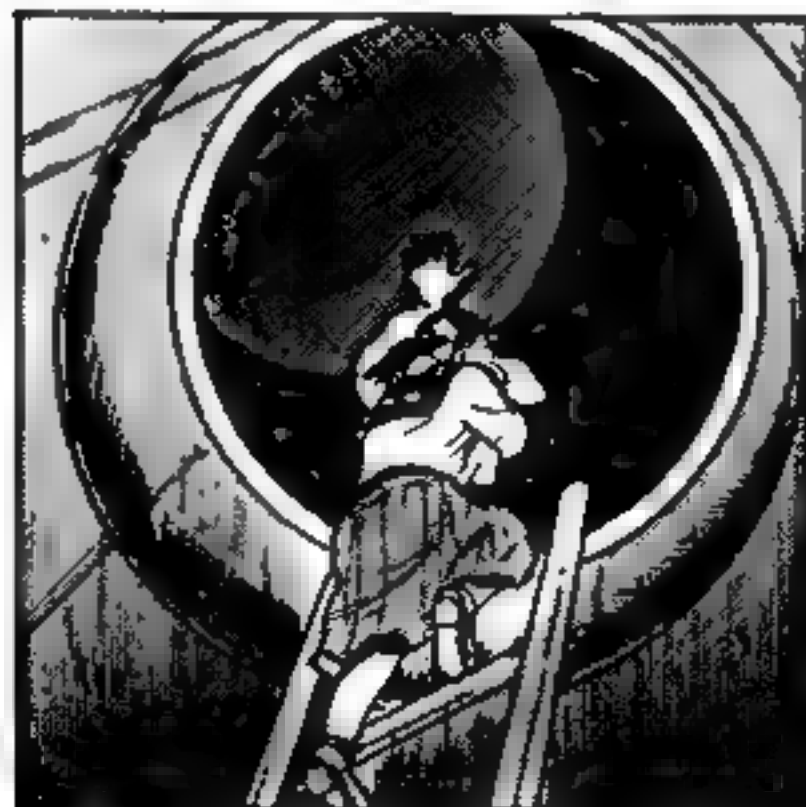
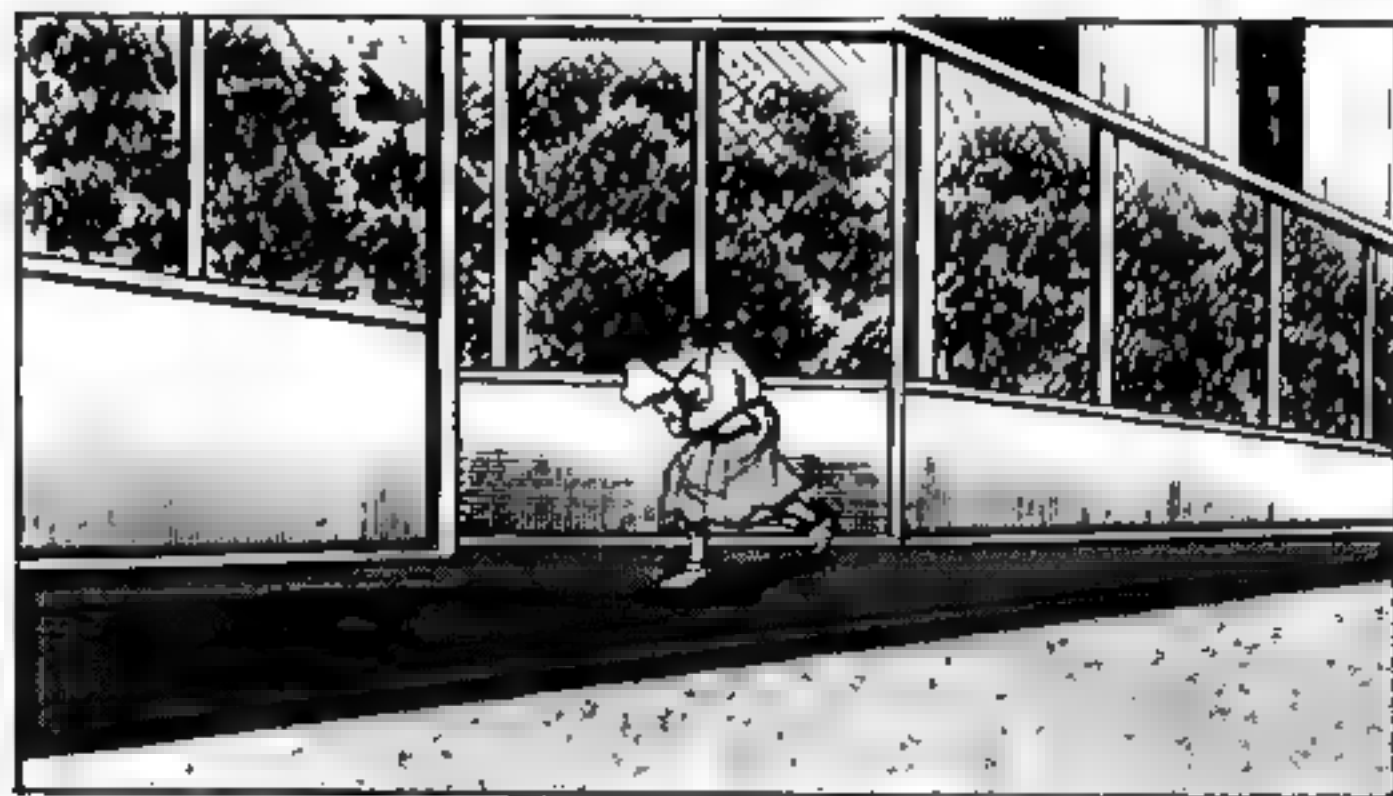




SFX: BANG.



SFX: DASH.





SFX: SPLASH SPLASH.



SFX: SPLASH.



SFX: SPLASH.



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WE'RE FINE NOW!
IN THIS SLUDGE,
THERE'S NO WAY
THEY'LL BE ABLE TO
FIND OUR SCENT!!



WHAT ARE THEY
PLANNING TO DO
ONCE THEY GET KIYORA?!
IS THIS BECAUSE
I SIGNED THAT FORM
BACK THEN?!



SFX: SPLASH SPLASH!



I DON'T KNOW!!
BUT NO MATTER WHAT,
I'M NOT GIVING
THEM KIYORA!
SHE'S MY CHILD!!



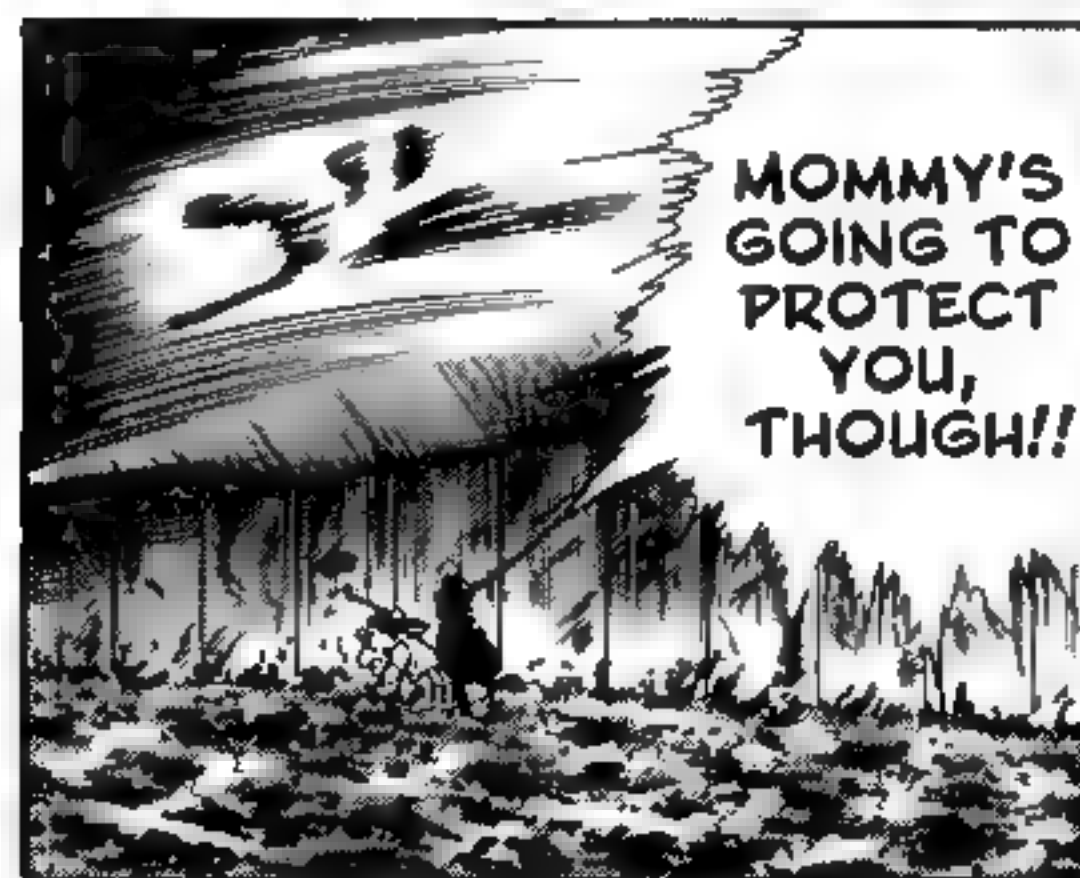
BUT, KIYORA...
I'M SORRY FOR GIVING
YOU SUCH A SAD LIFE...
I'M SURE THERE ARE
HAPPIER NEWBORN
CHILDREN IN OTHER
PLACES RIGHT NOW!!



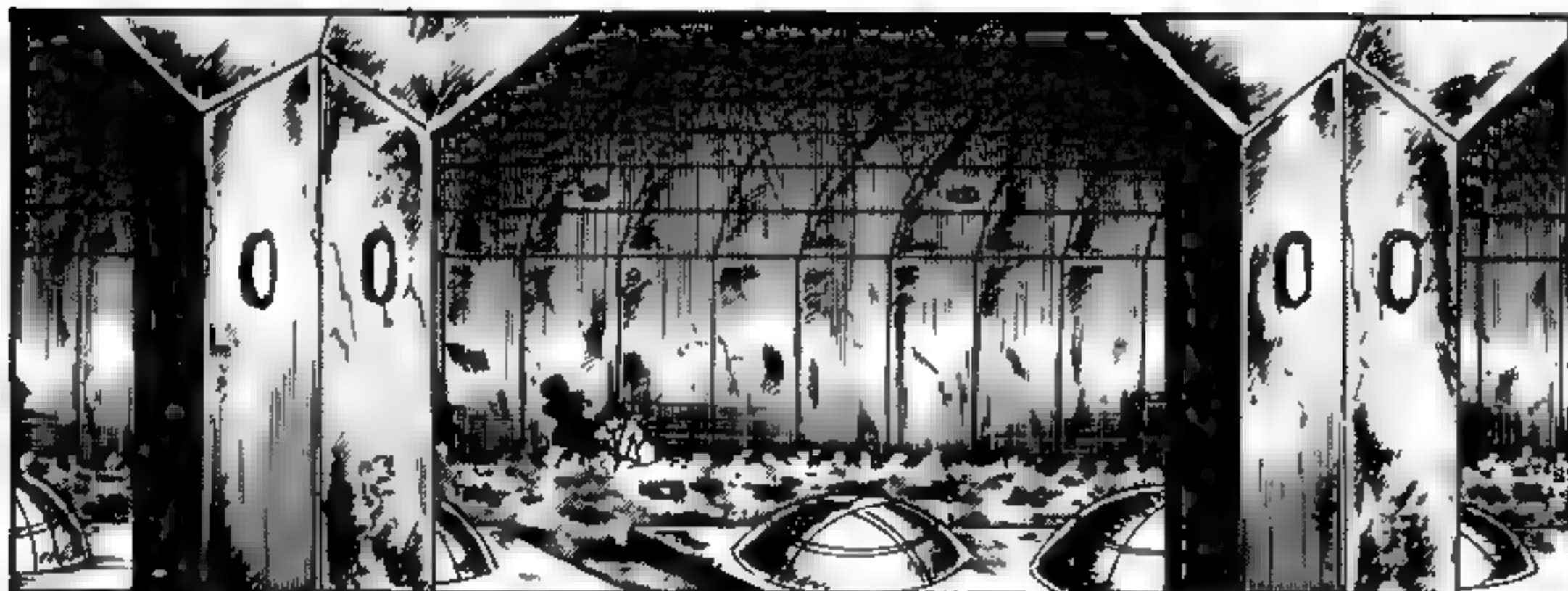
I'M
SORRY
!!



THIS IS
TOO MUCH,
ISN'T IT?!



MOMMY'S
GOING TO
PROTECT
YOU,
THOUGH!!



SFX: SPLASH SPLASH.



SFX: SPLASH SPLASH.



IT'S
GETTING
REALLY
CRAMPED
NOW!!



HAA,
HAA!!



SFX: SPLASH SPLASH.



I KNOW
WE'LL BE
ALRIGHT,
THOUGH!!



HOW FAR
HAVE I
GONE?
I'M COM-
PLETELY
LOST!!

SFX: SPLASH.



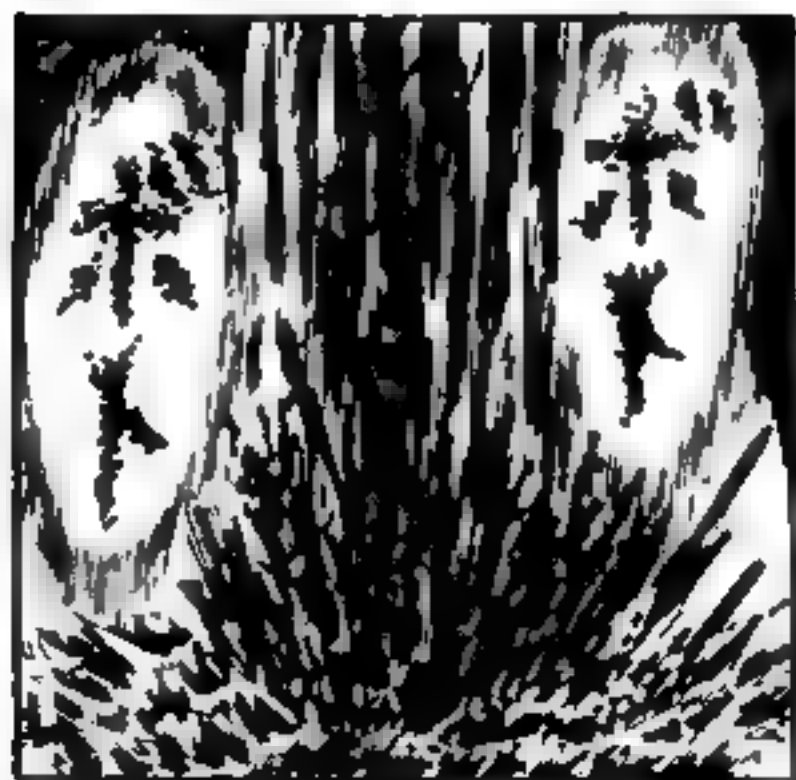
KIYORA!!



AS LONG AS
YOU'RE HERE,
MOMMY...



I DON'T
EVEN CARE
IF I HAVE
TO LIVE IN
THIS SLUDGE
FOR THE
REST OF
MY LIFE!!



SFX: SPLAT SPLAT.



SFX: SPLAT SPLAT.





SFX: SPLAT SPLAT.





SFX: SPLAT SPLAT.



SFX: SPLAT SPLAT.



SFX: SPLAT SPLAT.



KIYORA!!



**I'M SORRY,
IT LOOKS
LIKE THIS
IS IT FOR
MOMMY!!**



**GOOOOOOD
!!**

SFX: SPLASH.



GOD!!

SFX: SPLASH SPLASH.



**IF YOU
REALLY EXIST,
THEN PLEASE
SAVE
KIYORAAAA!!**



AHH!!



GEBO-
HHHHH
!!



IT'S IN
MY EYES,
I CAN'T
SEE!!

SFX: SPLAT SPLAT.



THIS CAN'T BE!
THE WALL MUST
JUST LOOK
BLURRED LIKE
A DOOR TO ME!!



B-
BUT
...



WHY IS
THERE A
DOOR HERE?
WHERE DID
IT COME
FROM!?





WHY WOULD
THE STAIRS
TO HEAVEN BE
IN A SEWER?!
BUT THESE
STAIRS HAVE
TO GO SOME-
WHERE!!

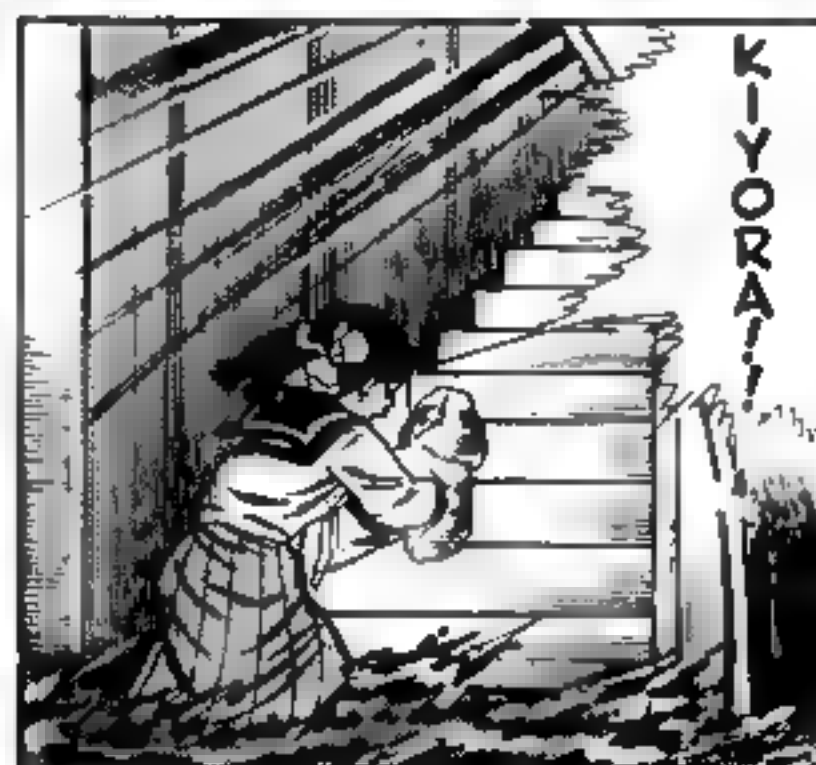
IS THIS THE
STAIRWAY TO
HEAVEN?!



CLIMB UP
THESE
STAIRS!!



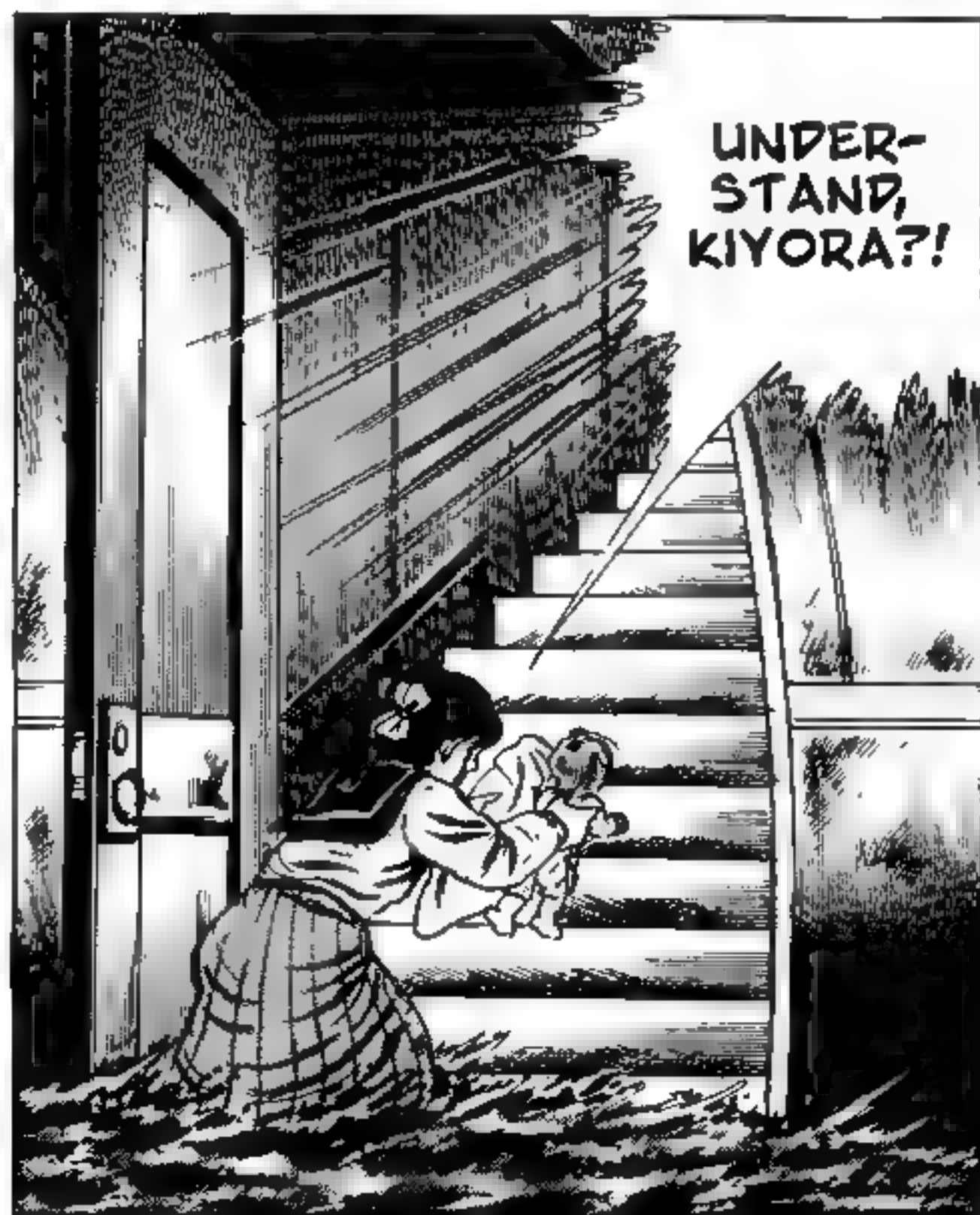
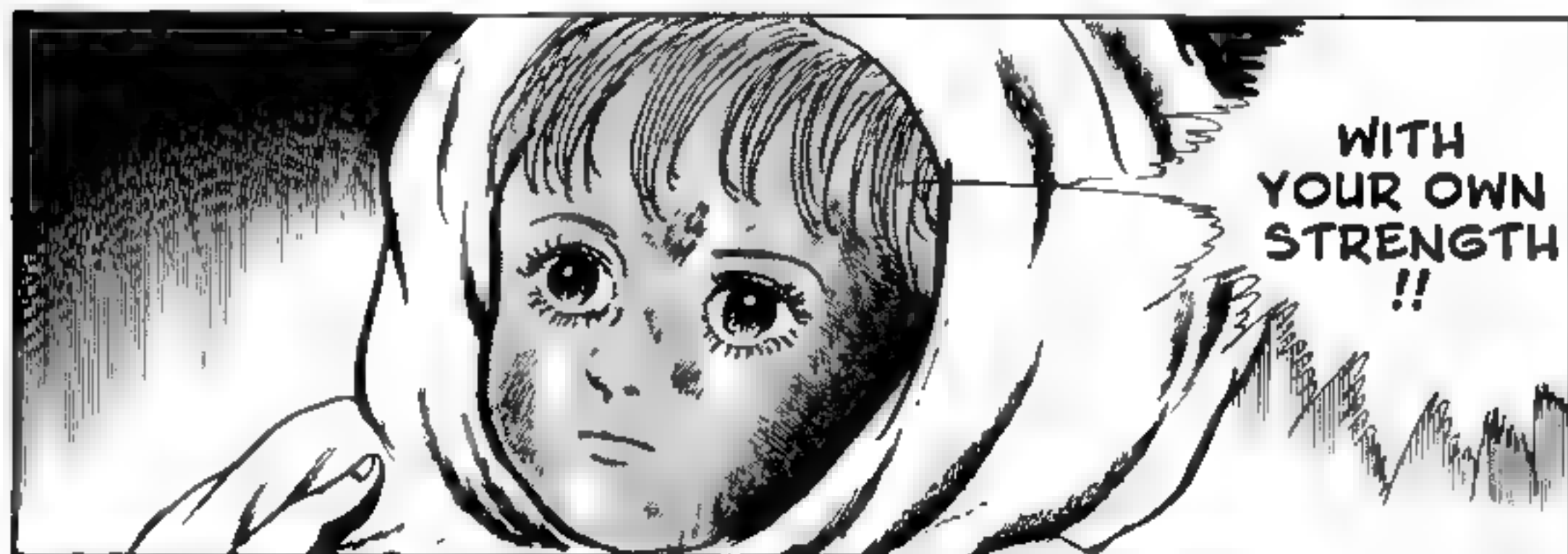
GOD
MUST HAVE
ANSWERED
MY PRAYER
!!

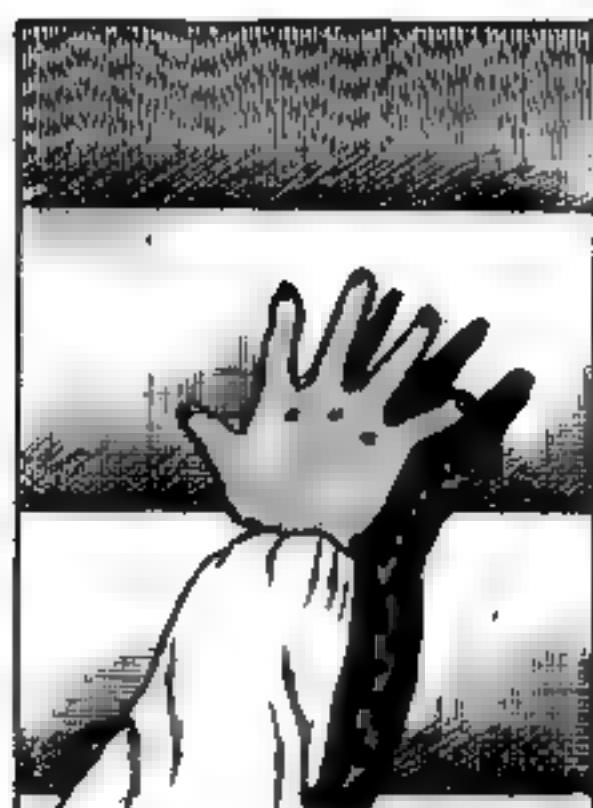
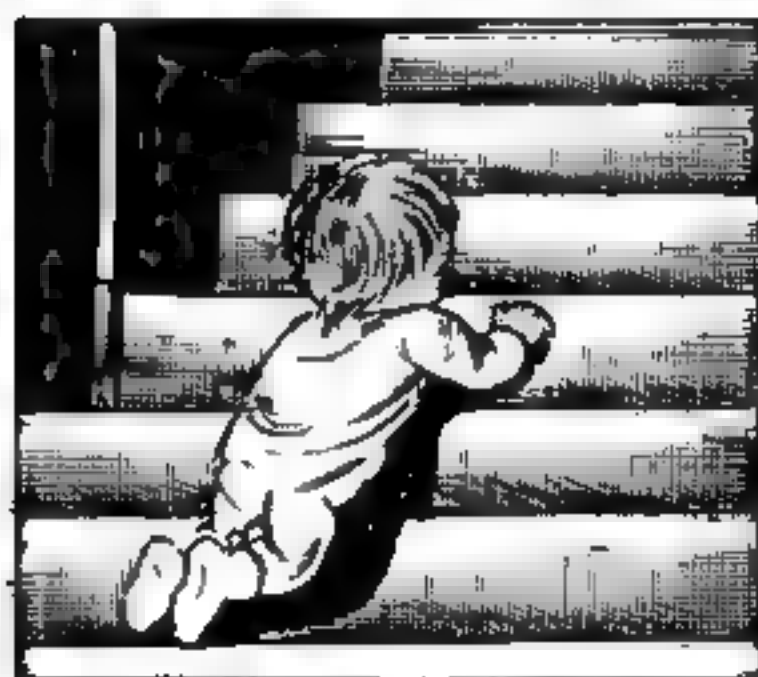


KIYORA!!



I CAN'T GO!!
IF I DO,
THEN A TRAIL
OF BLOOD
WILL FOLLOW
AND THEY'LL
FIND YOU!!







THAT'S IT,
KIYORA!!



GO!!
GOD WILL
SAVE YOU
!!



SFX: GUBUH.



EVERYONE NAMED
HER KİYORA AFTER
THE WORD "KIYORAKA"
SO THAT SHE WOULD
GROW UP
TO BE A CLEAN,
PURE CHILD!!



YOU
UNDERSTAND
WHAT I'M
TELLING YOU,
DON'T YOU?!
CLIMB UP!!



PLEASE,
GOD,
SAVE
KIYORA!!

SFX: SLAM.

SFX: CREAK.

**GOD,
PLEASE PROTECT KIYORA,
SO THAT HER WONDERFUL
NAME DOES NOT DISAPPEAR!!**



**SHE HAD SUCH
A SAD BIRTH THAT
EVERYONE THOUGHT
AT THE VERY LEAST,
SHE SHOULD HAVE
A BEAUTIFUL NAME,
SO THEY WORKED
HARD AND THOUGHT
ONE UP FOR ME!!**



**A WONDERFUL,
BEAUTIFUL NAME
THAT NO ONE HAS
EVER HAD BEFORE!!**



**I CAN'T GO
ON ANYMORE!!
BUT AS LONG AS
KIYORA CAN BE SAVED,
IT'S FINE!!
GOODBYE, KIYORA,
YOUR MOTHER IS
GOING NOW!!**



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SFX: SPLASH SPLASH.



SFX: SPLASH SPLASH.



SFX: SPLAT SPLAT.



SFX: SPLASH SPLASH.



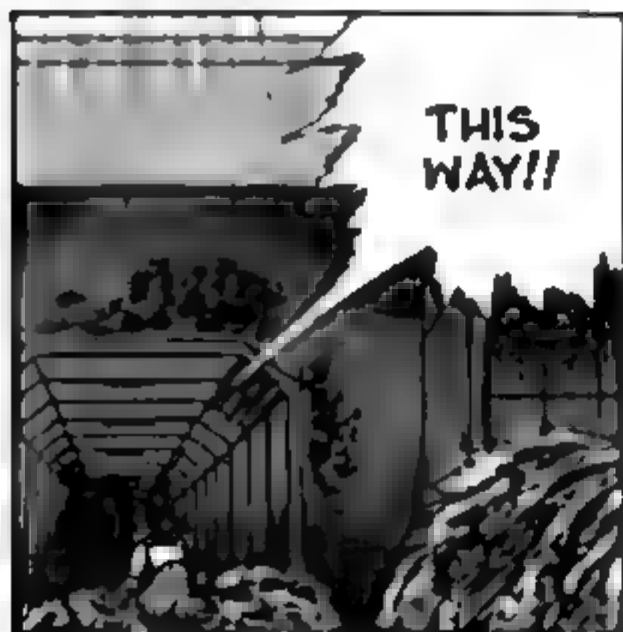
I CAN'T
LET KIYORA
BE CAP-
TURED!!



THEY'RE
GOING TO
FOLLOW
MY BLOOD
DOWN
HERE!!



SFX: SPLAT SPLAT.



**THIS
WAY!!**



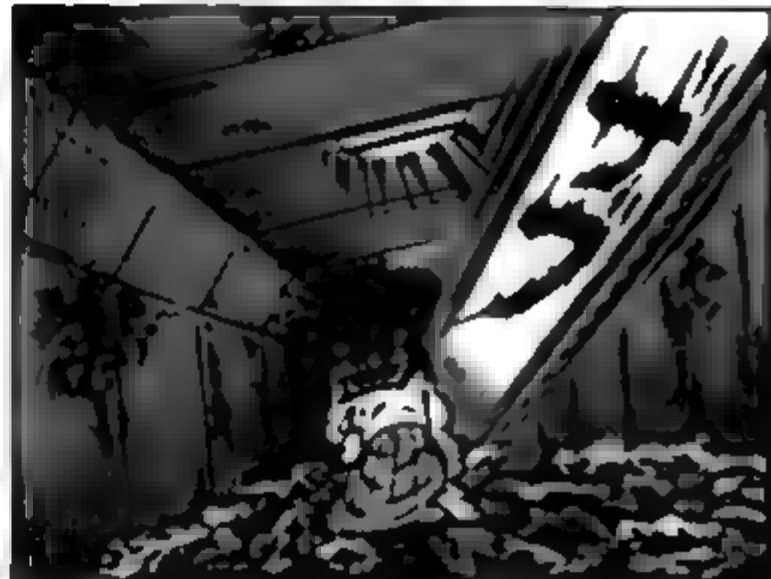
**SO I'LL JUST
USE IT TO
LEAD THEM IN
THE OPPOSITE
DIRECTION!!**



SFX ON RUNNING



SFX SPLASH

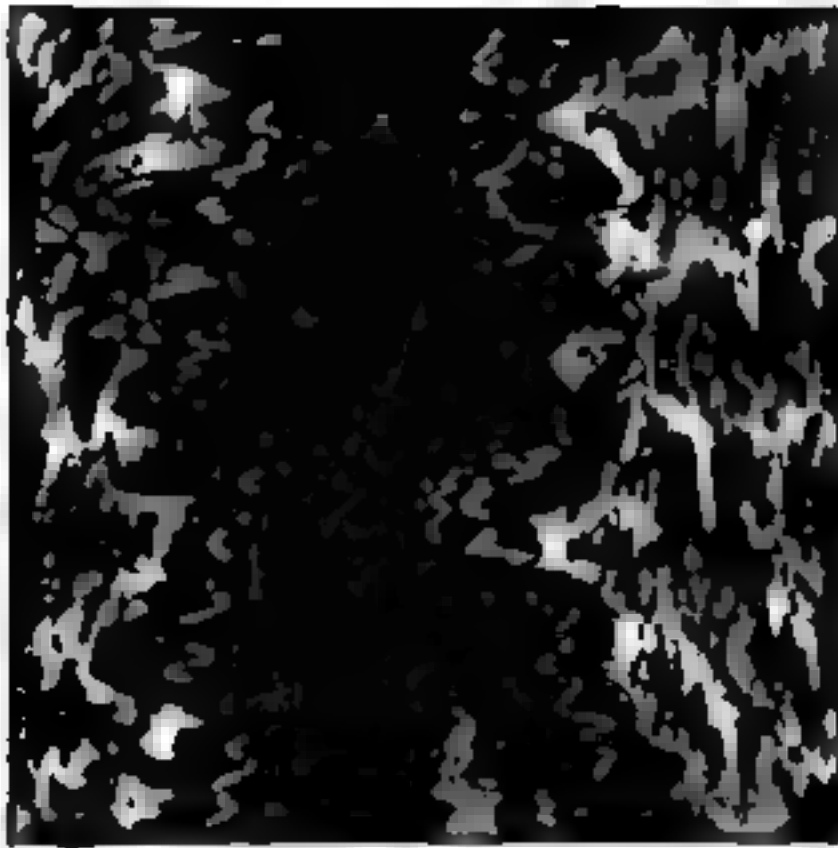


SFX SPLASH



**I CAN'T
COLLAPSE
JUST YET!!**

**AHHH,
I'M STARTING
TO LOSE CON-
SCIOUSNESS!!**





THE MERCY OF GOD



IT LOOKS
LIKE SHE'S
BEEN RE-
VIVED!!



UUUUUUUUUN
!!



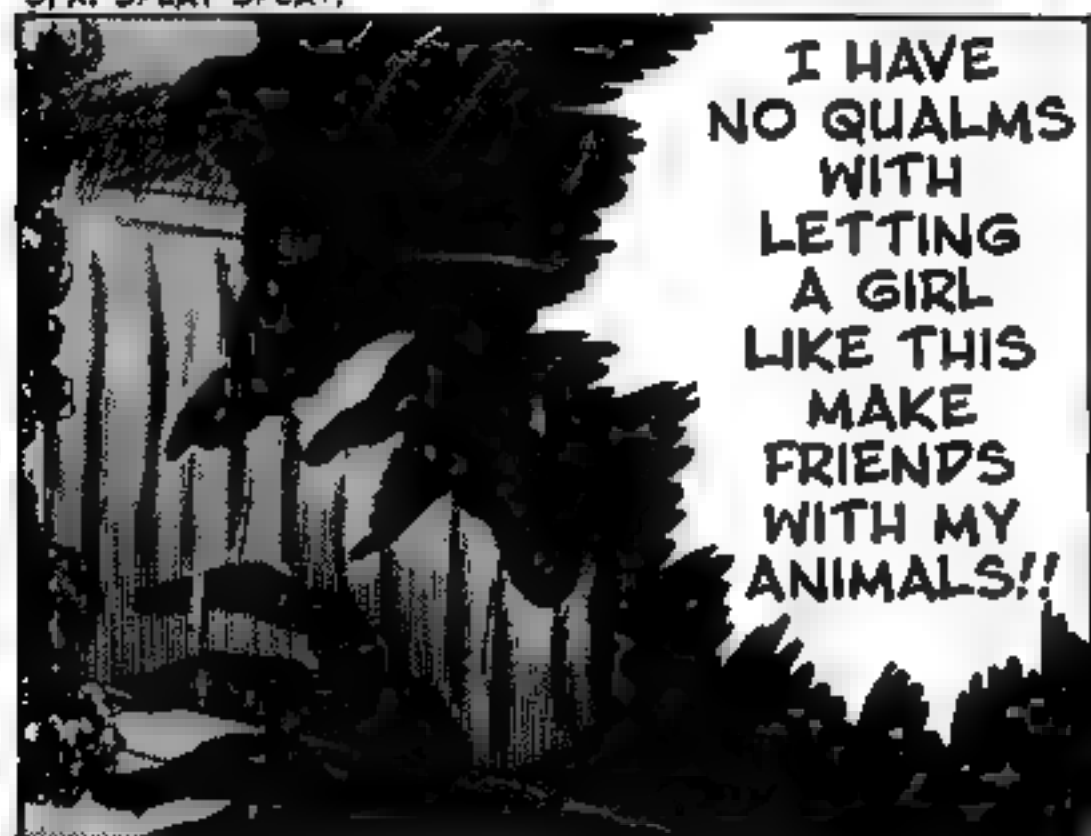
SHE SHOULD
SPIT UP HER
BROKEN CELLS
ANY MINUTE
NOW!!



SFX: SPLASH.



SFX: SPLAT SPLAT.



I HAVE
NO QUALMS
WITH
LETTING
A GIRL
LIKE THIS
MAKE
FRIENDS
WITH MY
ANIMALS!!



GOOD!!
I SIMPLY
COULDN'T
WATCH AS
A CUTE
LITTLE
GIRL DIED
LIKE THAT
!!

SFX: SPLAT.

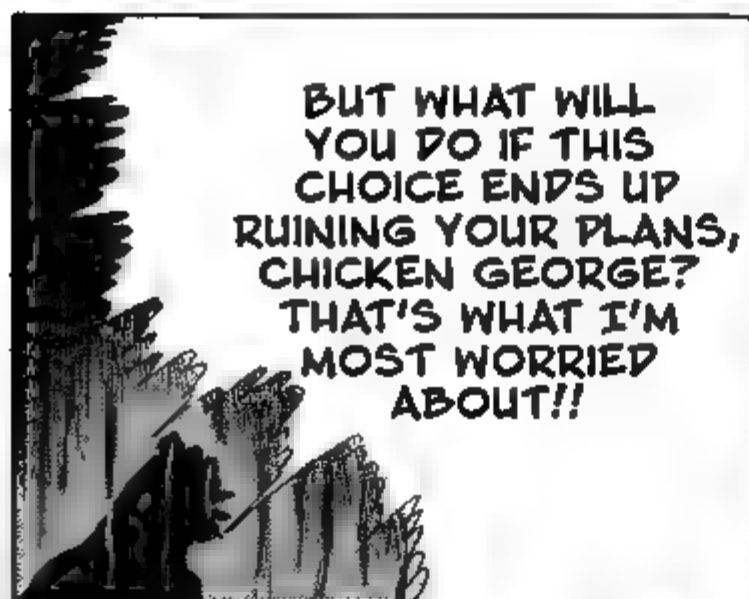


ARE
YOU SURE
YOU MADE
THE RIGHT
DECISION?

ARE
YOU SURE,
CHICKEN
GEORGE?!



WON'T
UNNECESSARY
MERCY END UP
CREATING A CHANCE
FOR HINDRANCES
OF YOUR AMBITION?



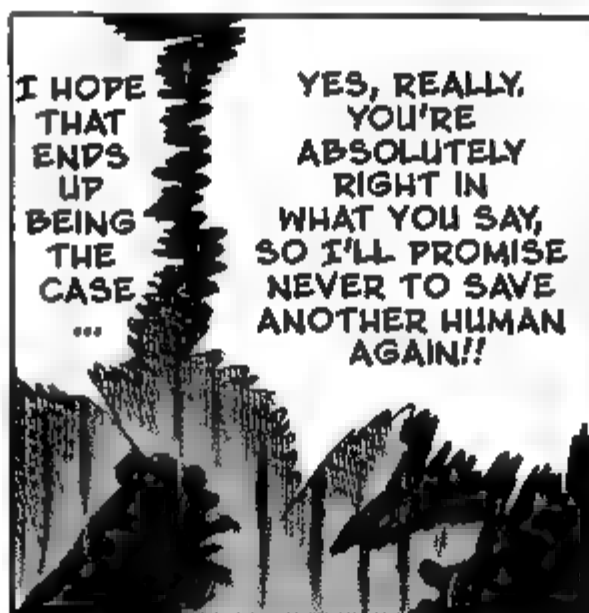
BUT WHAT WILL
YOU DO IF THIS
CHOICE ENDS UP
RUINING YOUR PLANS,
CHICKEN GEORGE?
THAT'S WHAT I'M
MOST WORRIED
ABOUT!!



I UNDERSTAND,
BUT I JUST
COULDN'T LET
THIS CHILD GO!!



THEREFORE,
SORRY,
BUT WOULD
YOU MIND
HITTING THE
SWITCH?!



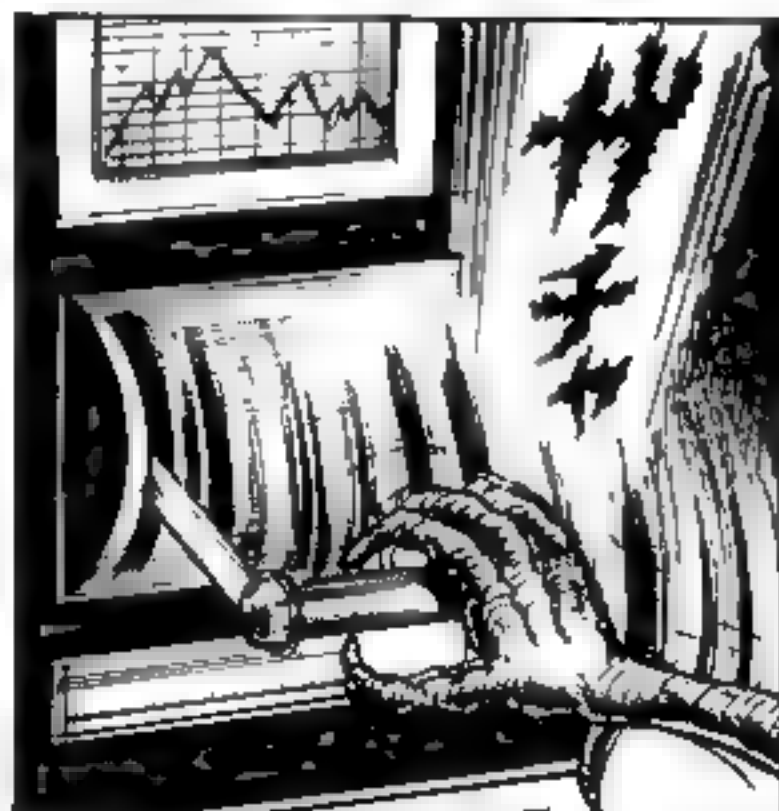
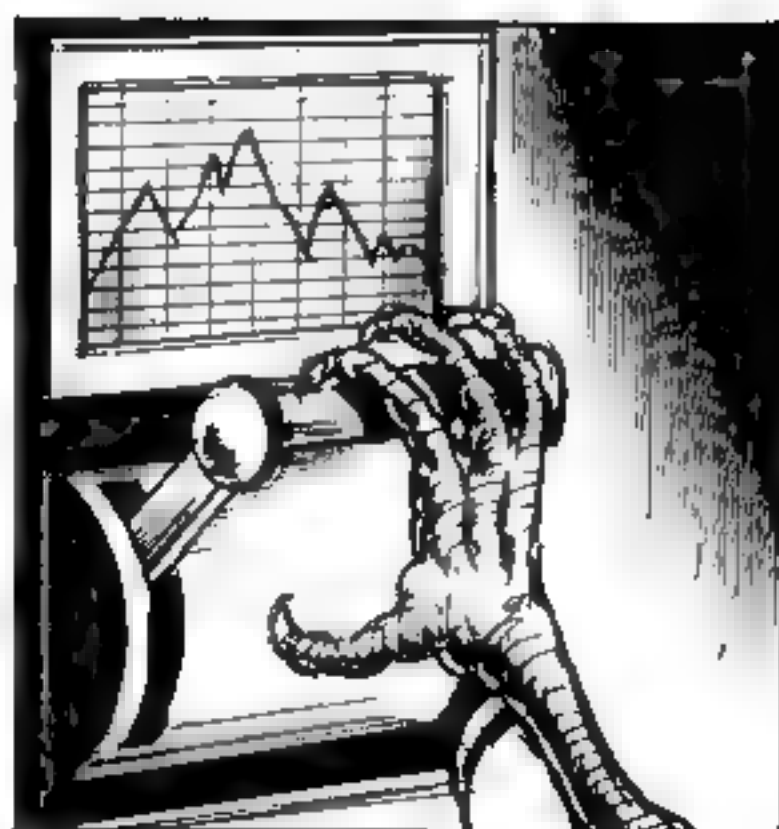
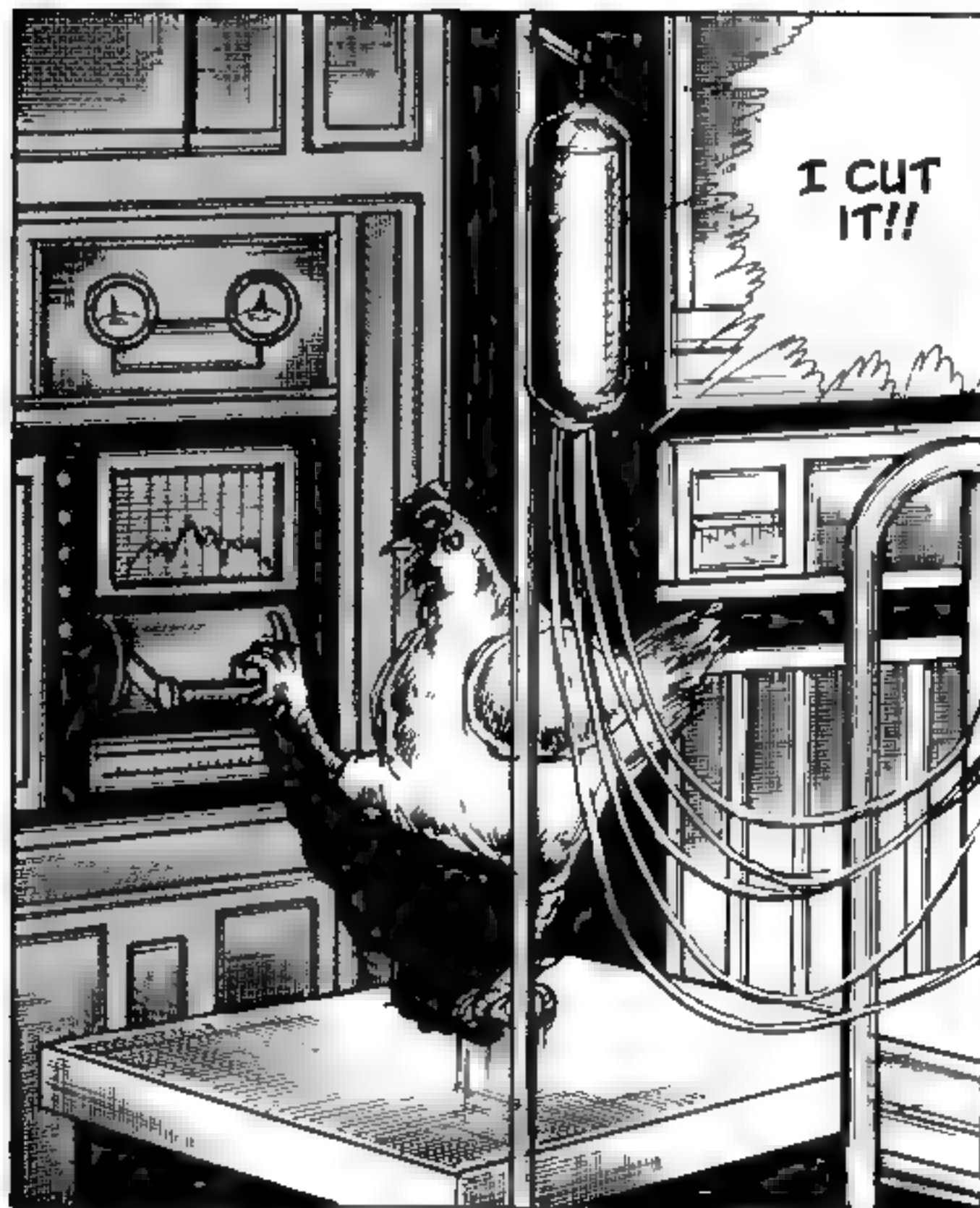
I HOPE
THAT
ENDS
UP
BEING
THE
CASE
...

YES, REALLY.
YOU'RE
ABSOLUTELY
RIGHT IN
WHAT YOU SAY,
SO I'LL PROMISE
NEVER TO SAVE
ANOTHER HUMAN
AGAIN!!



REALLY?

IT'S FINE,
LUCY!
I'LL JUST
BE CAREFUL
FROM HERE
ON OUT!!



SFX: GACHA.





I REALLY
DO!!



REALLY
?



I HOPE
YOU REALLY
THINK THAT
!!



THE GIRL
OPENED
HER EYES
!!







SFX: JOLT.



A-A
CHICKEN
IS TALK-
ING!!



I MUST
BE HAVING
A DREAM!!



THIS IS
DR. CHICKEN
GEORGE'S
HOUSE!!



THIS ISN'T
A DREAM!!
GO AHEAD,
TRY PINCHING
YOUR CHEEK,
YOU'LL UNDER-
STAND!!



KUWAHH
!!



I MUST
HAVE DIED!
MY BODY
DOESN'T
HURT ANY-
WHERE!!



BUT IF
I'M DEAD,
THEN WHY
DON'T I
FEEL ANY
DIFFERENT
?!



YOU WERE
SAVED
ESPECIALLY
BY DR.
CHICKEN
GEORGE!!



YOU
REALLY
WERE DEAD,
THOUGH!!



BECAUSE
YOU'RE
ALIVE!!



KIYORA!!



WAIT,
WHAT
ABOUT
KIYORA
?!



SFX: CHIRP CHIRP.



SFX: CHIRP CHIRP.



SFX: GYAAAAH.



KIYORA
!!

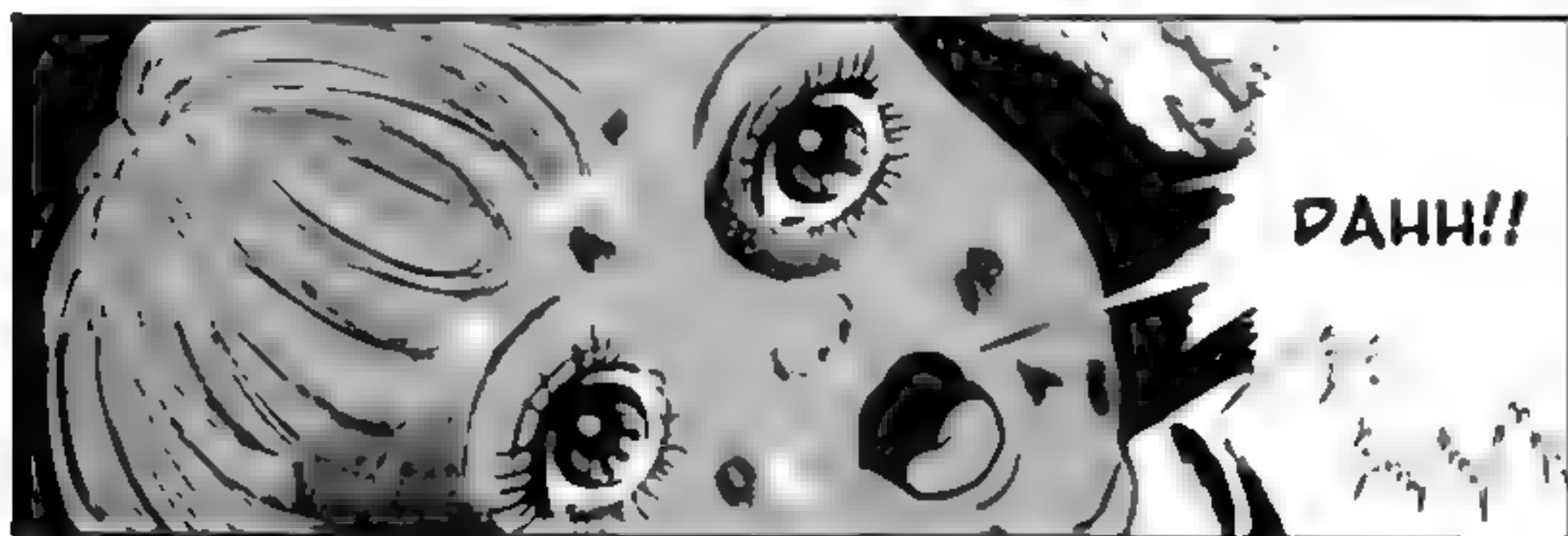


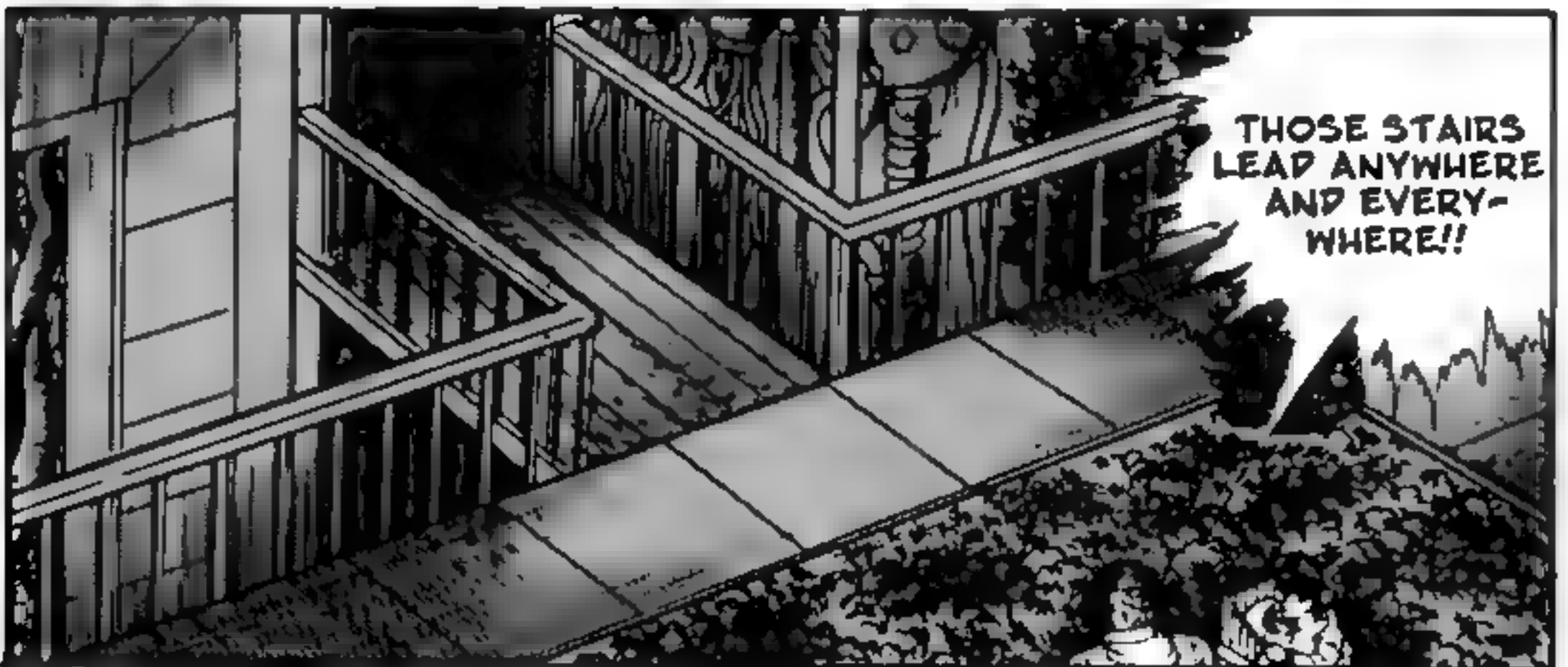
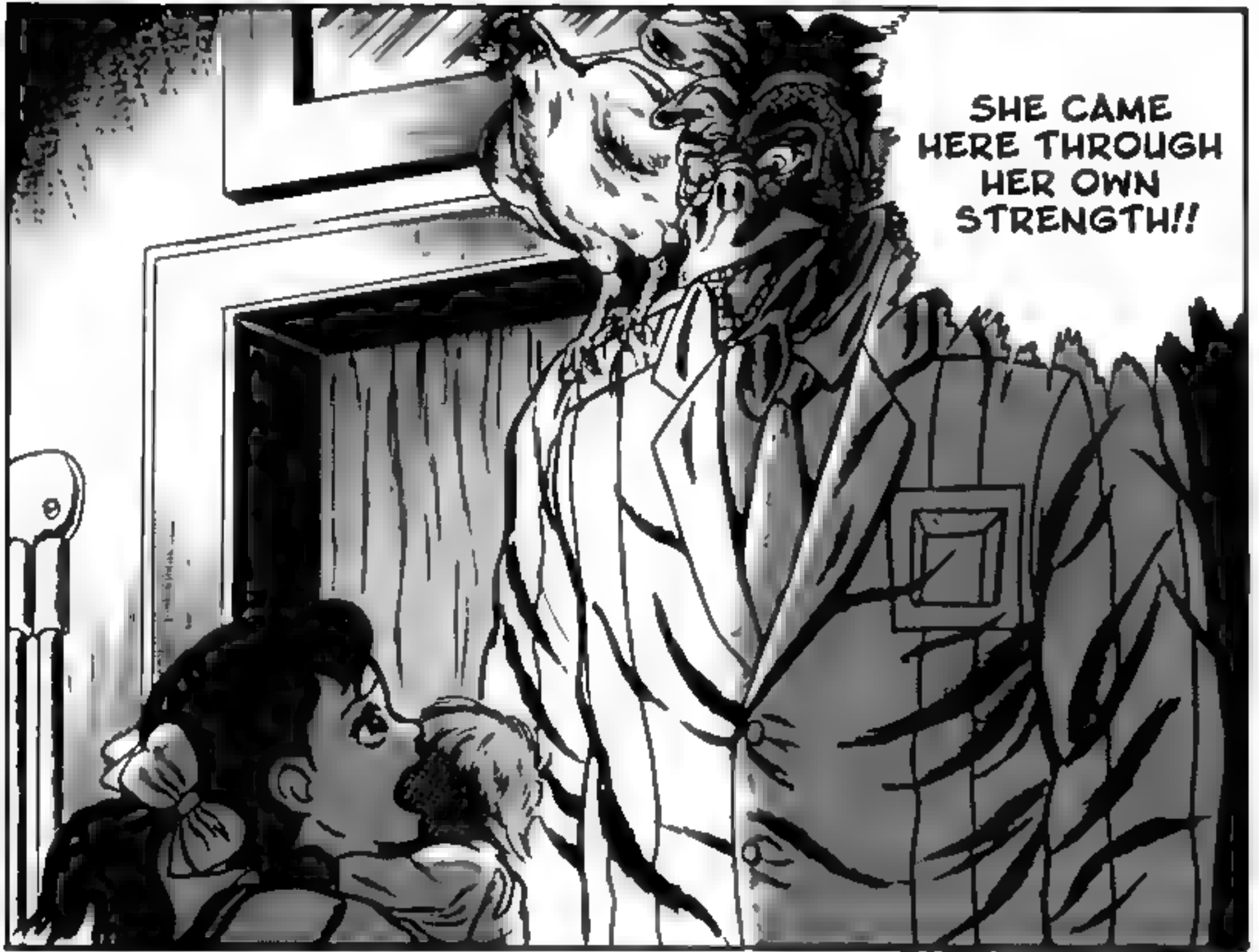
KIYORA
!!

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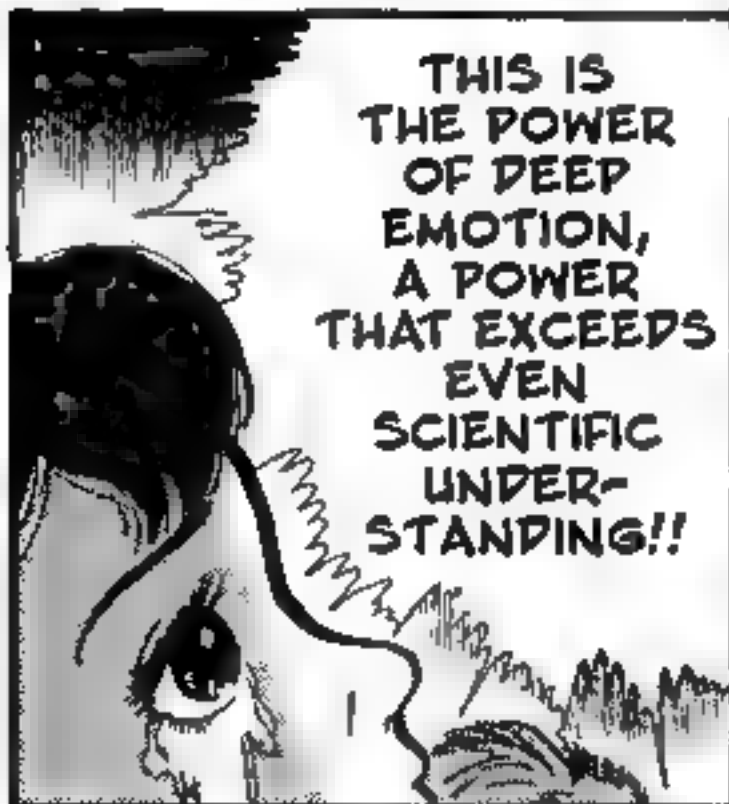
**HOWEVER,
I SAVED
YOU!!**



**IF THAT CHILD
HADN'T THE
STRENGTH
TO CLIMB UP
THOSE STAIRS,
BOTH SHE AND
YOU WOULD HAVE
DIED!!**



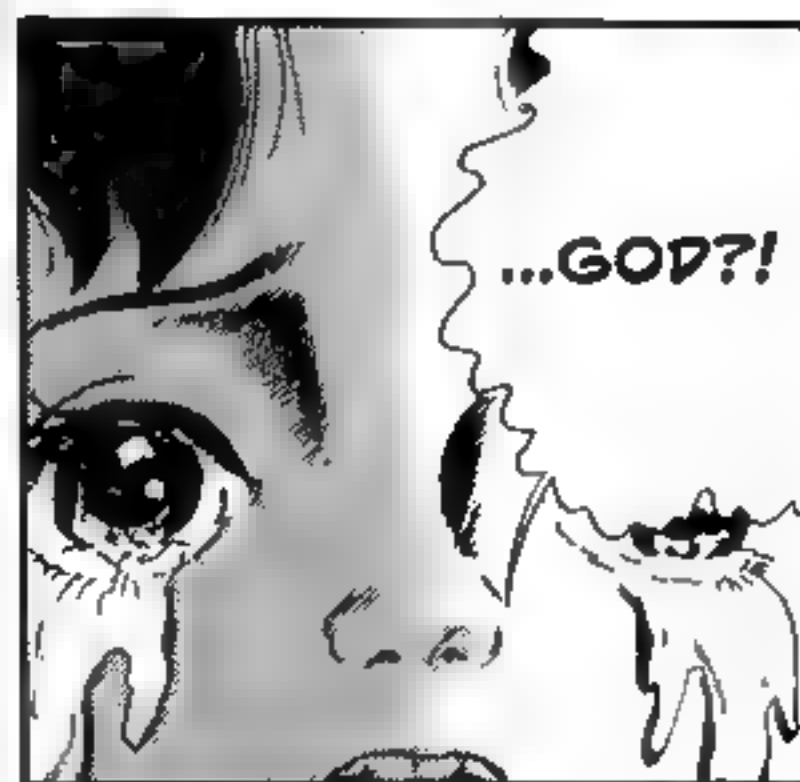
**AND SHE
LOOKED
AS IF SHE
WANTED
TO HELP
YOU!!**



**THIS IS
THE POWER
OF DEEP
EMOTION,
A POWER
THAT EXCEEDS
EVEN
SCIENTIFIC
UNDER-
STANDING!!**



**BUT SHE
MADE IT
UP HERE!!**





NO,
WAIT A
MOMENT,
LUCY!!



YOU CAN
CALL HIM
GOD!!



HE WAS EVEN
ABLE TO MAKE ME
THIS WISE A
CHICKEN!!



BUT
LET ME
JUST
SAY ONE
THING!!



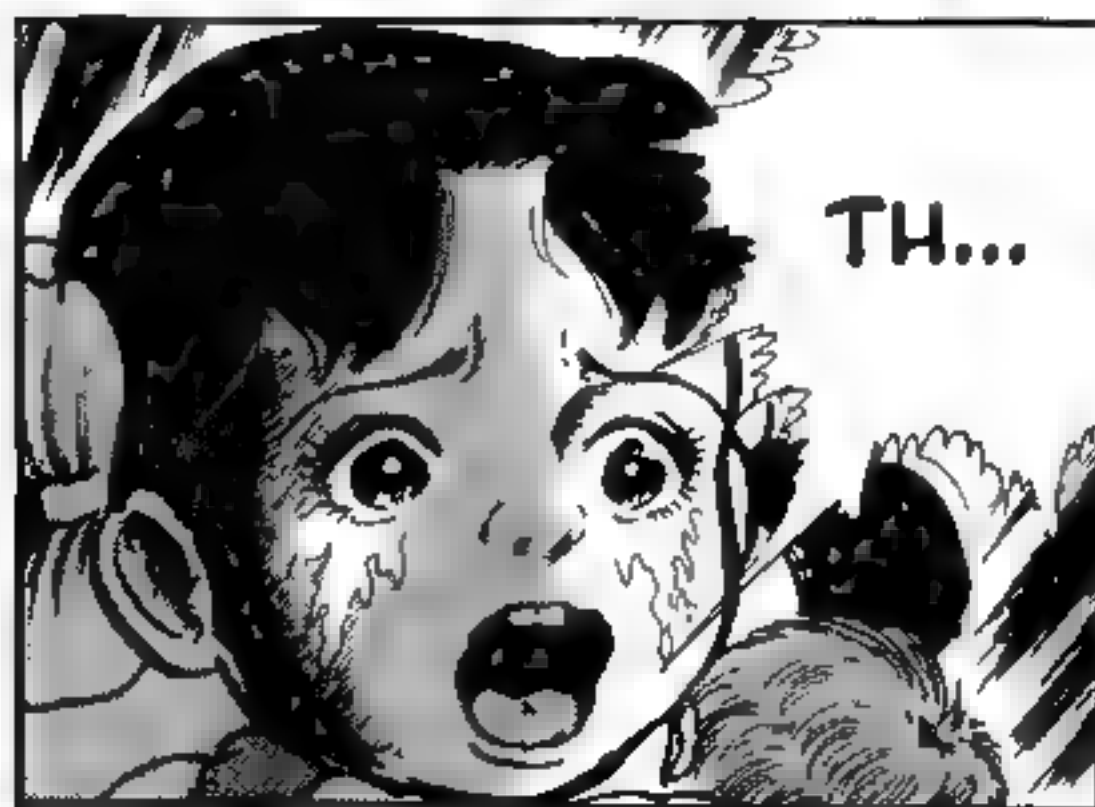
THIS
CHILD'S
LIFE...



I AM DOCTOR
CHICKEN GEORGE,
A SORT OF
CONGLOMERATION
OF ANIMAL CON-
SCIOUSNESS!!



...WILL
END
AT 14!!



TH...



EHH
?!



THAT
VOICE
!!

AND YOUR FACE
LOOKS SIMILAR TO
THE FACE I SAW!!



SO THAT
PREMONITION
WAS FROM YOU
BACK THEN!!



IT
SOUNDS
JUST LIKE
THE ONE
I HEARD
COMING OUT
OF THE
FORTUNE-
TELLER!!



I WAS
TOLD THIS
BEFORE!!



YEAH,
YOU'RE
NOT
MAKING
ANY
SENSE!!

WHAT
ARE YOU
TALKING
ABOUT?!



THAT THIS
CHILD'S LIFE
WILL END
AT 14 YEARS
...

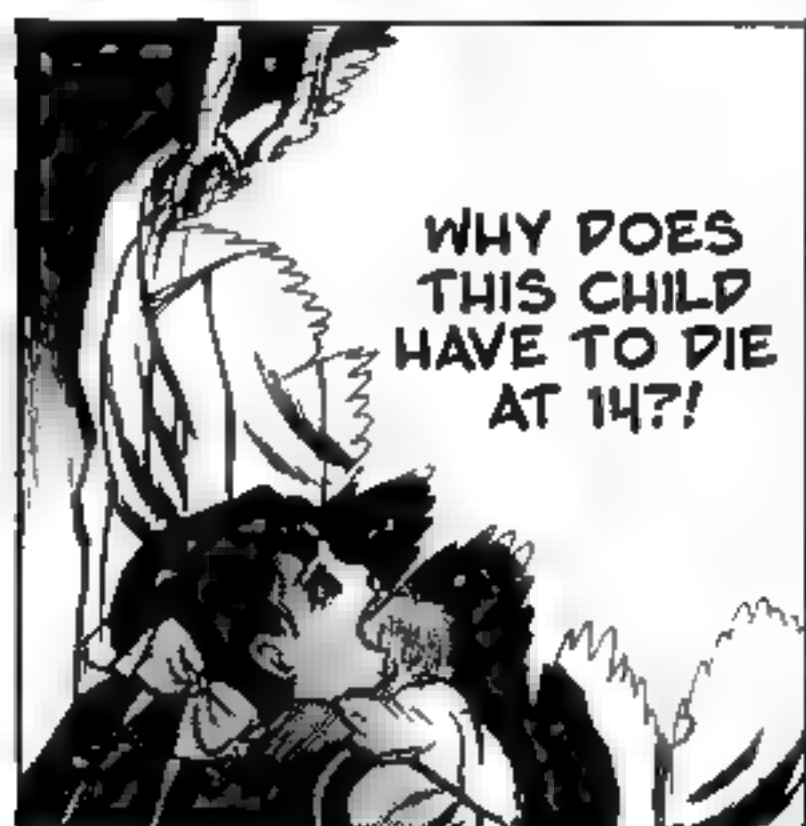




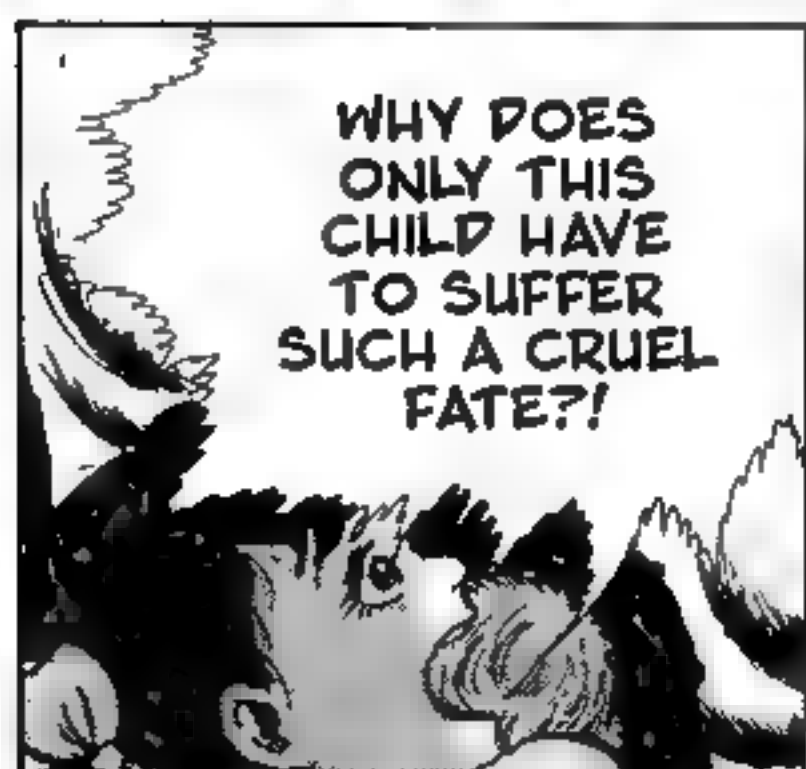
THAT
DOESN'T
MAKE ANY
SENSE!!



THIS IS THE
FIRST TIME HE'S
EVER SAID SUCH
A THING!!



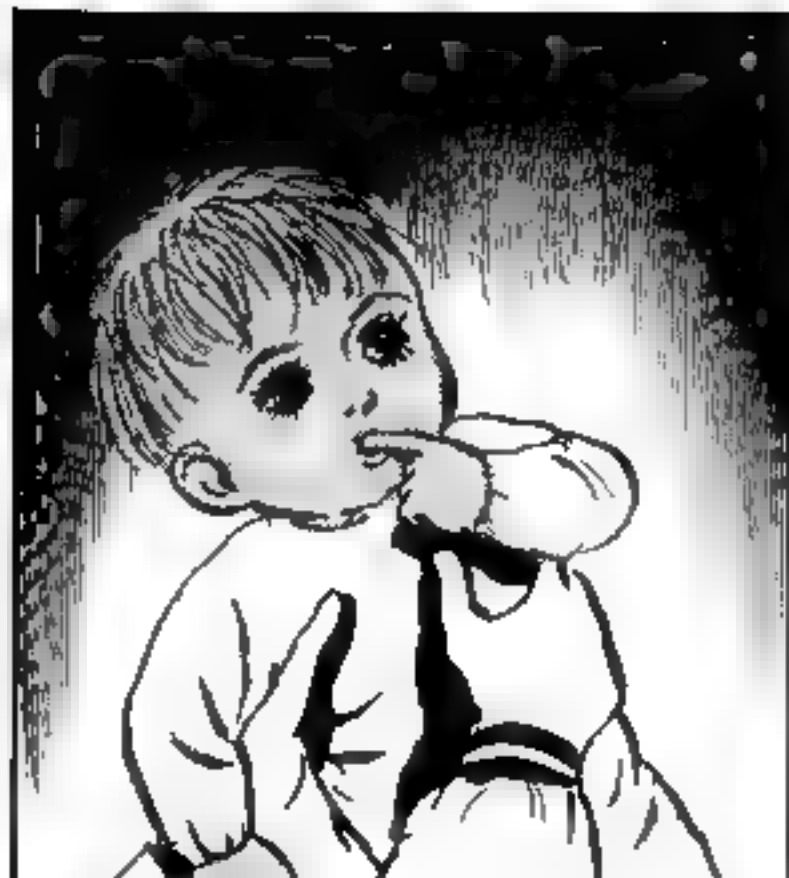
WHY DOES
THIS CHILD
HAVE TO DIE
AT 14?!



WHY DOES
ONLY THIS
CHILD HAVE
TO SUFFER
SUCH A CRUEL
FATE?!



PLEASE!!



GOD!!



**LOOK,
SHE WAS
EVEN BORN
GREEN!!**



**GOD,
PLEASE
!!**



**THERE WERE
OTHER CHILDREN
BORN GREEN,
BUT THEY WERE
TAKEN TO THE
HOSPITAL AND
CURED INSTANTLY,
SO THERE AREN'T
ANYMORE!!**



**YET MY
CHILD...**



SFX. GYAAAAAH



GOD S CONFESSION





SFX. DRIP.



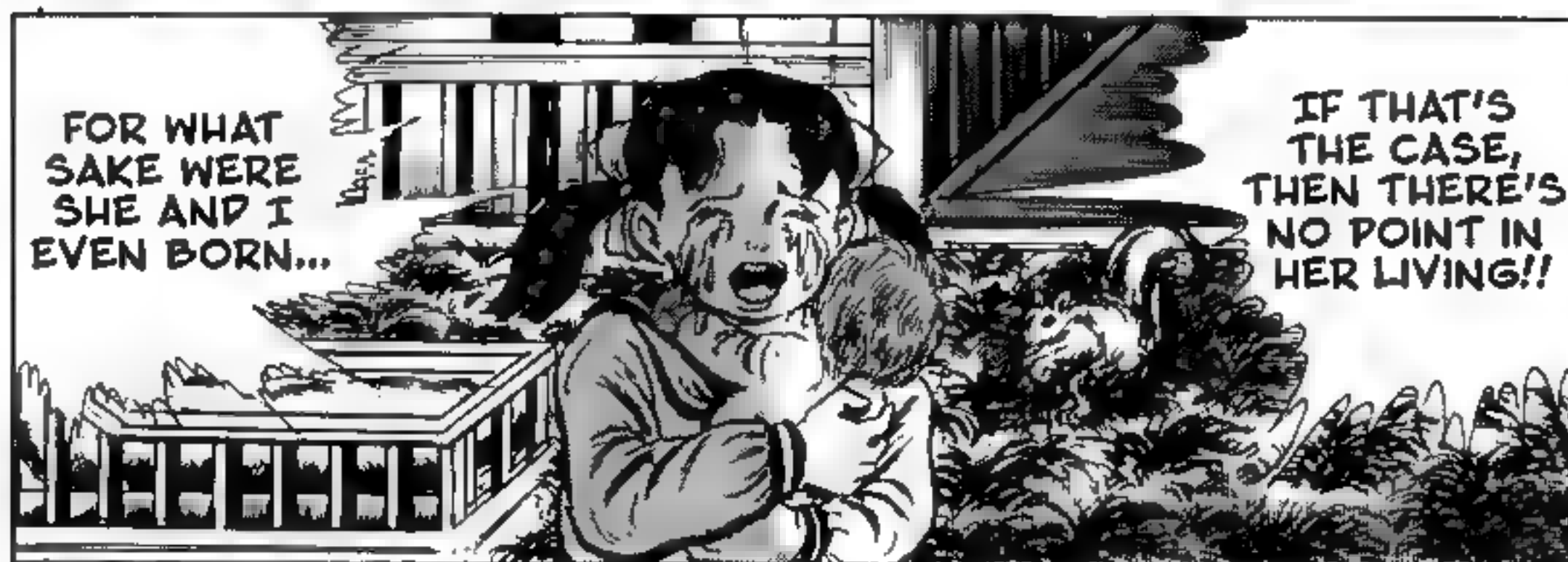
WHY?!



I DON'T
WANT HER
TO BE LIKE
THAT!!



...THAT'S
THE WAY
SHE WAS
BORN!!



FOR WHAT
SAKE WERE
SHE AND I
EVEN BORN...

IF THAT'S
THE CASE,
THEN THERE'S
NO POINT IN
HER LIVING!!



IF EVERYONE
KNEW THE TRUTH,
THEY'D ALL
BEGIN TO
WONDER THAT.



YES.



EHH?!



BUT
LISTEN
TO THIS.



WHAT IF
IT WASN'T
ONLY THIS
CHILD?

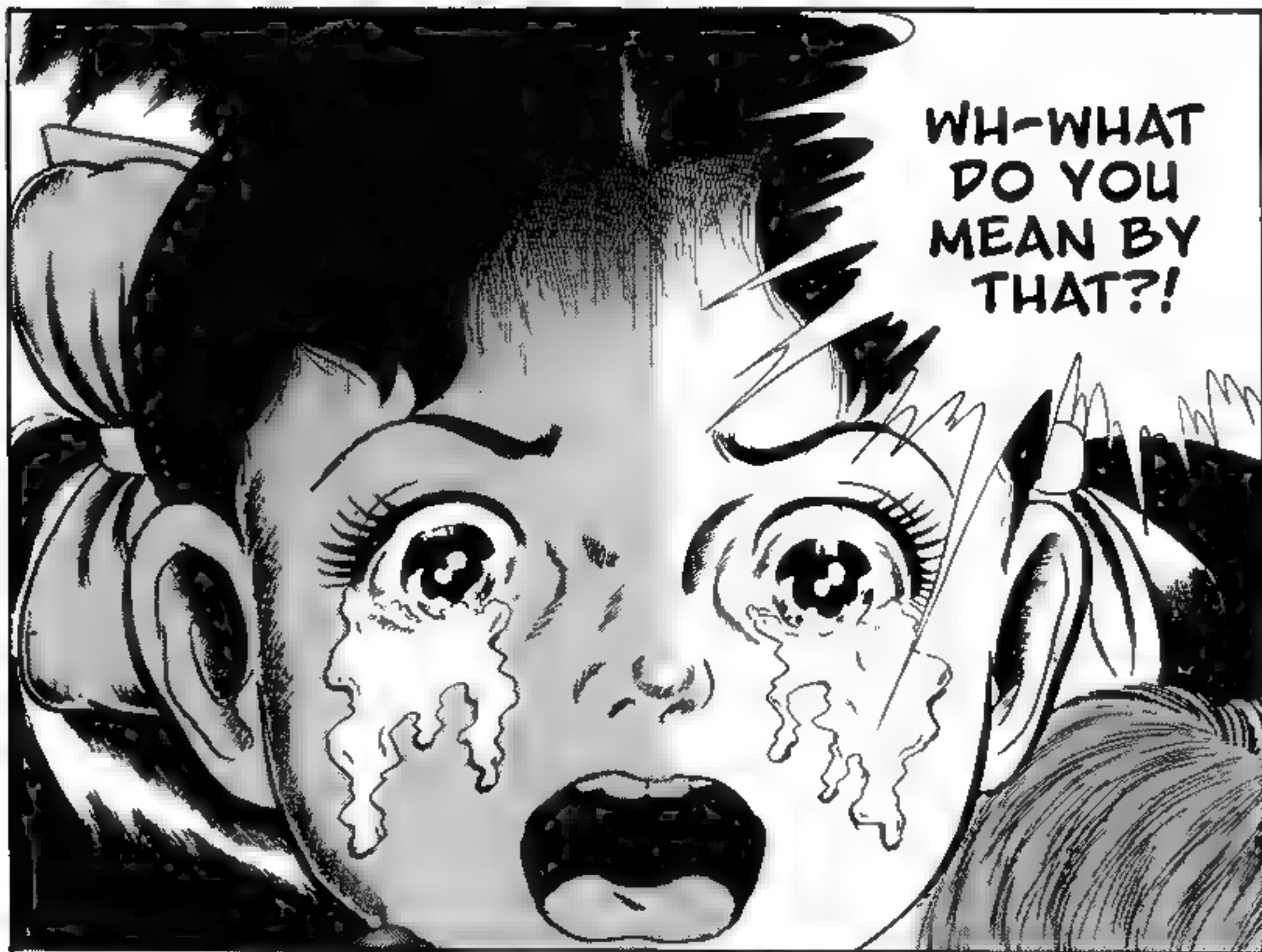


IF IT
WASN'T
ONLY THIS
CHILD?!

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WH-WHAT
DO YOU
MEAN BY
THAT?!



ARE YOU
SAYING
THEY'RE
ALL GOING
TO DIE
AT 14?



EXACTLY
!



WHAT IF SHE
DIED ALONG
WITH OTHER
CHILDREN?!



...EVERYTHING
THAT IS DEEPLY
CONNECTED
TO HUMANS!!

NOT JUST
OTHER
CHILDREN,
BUT
ANIMALS,
PLANTS,
...



EXACTLY!!
THIS IS A
PROBLEM FOR THE
ENTIRE EARTH...
FOR THE EARTH ITSELF!



EHHH?!

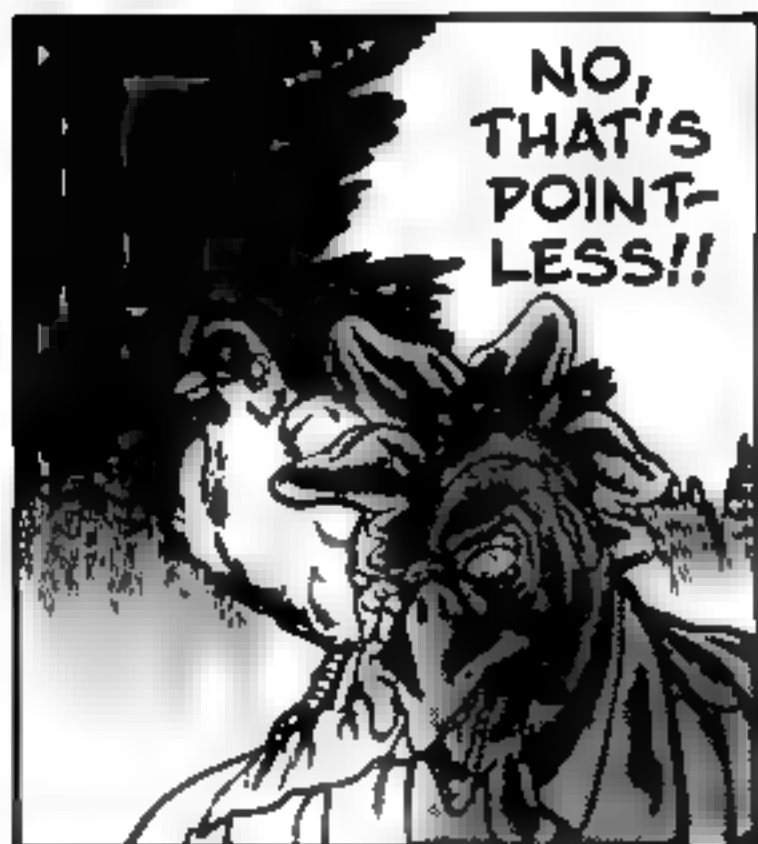


THEN
DOESN'T
THAT MEAN
THE EARTH
WILL DIE
AS WELL?!



HUMANS
ARE STILL
TOO
TRUSTING
IN THEIR
OWN POWER,
HOWEVER,
SO THEY
HAVEN'T!!

AND THE
ANIMALS AND
PLANTS HAVE
ALREADY
REALIZED
THIS!!



**NO,
THAT'S
POINT-
LESS!!**



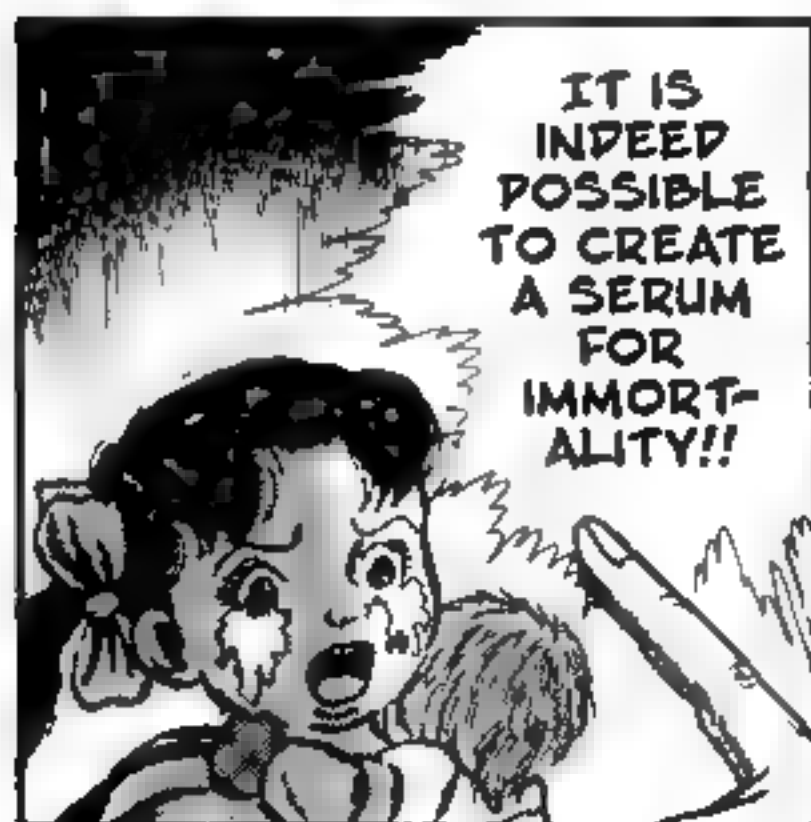
**ALL HUMANS
ARE CURRENTLY
AT THE ZENITH
OF HAPPINESS,
NO ONE WILL
BELIEVE IT!!**



**THEN
WE HAVE
TO TELL
EVERY-
ONE!!**



**ONCE I FOUND
OUT OF THIS,
I DECIDED TO
SELL THAT MAN
DATA REGARDING
IMMORTALITY!!**

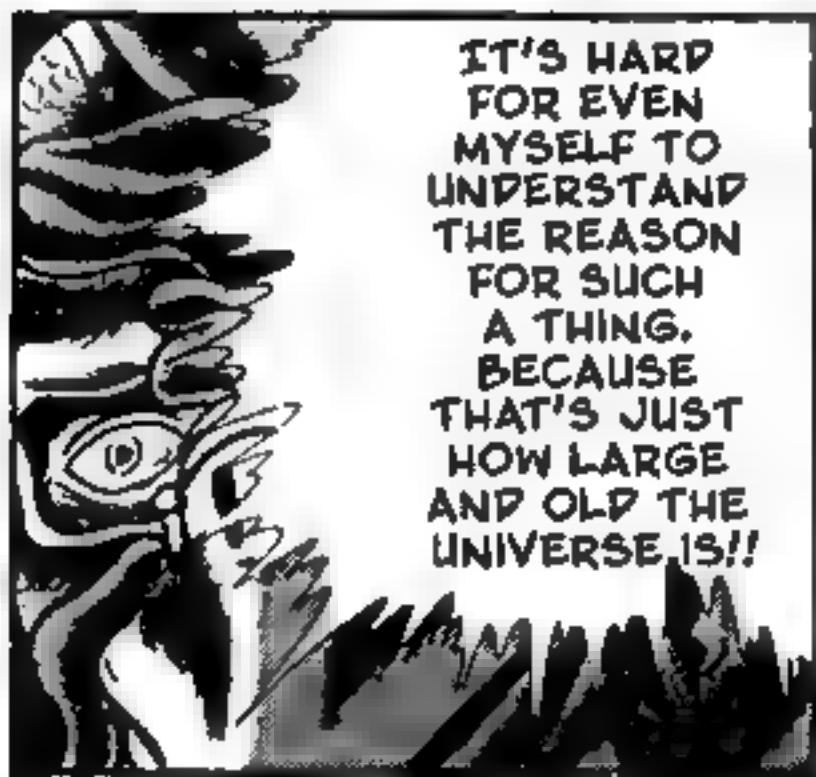


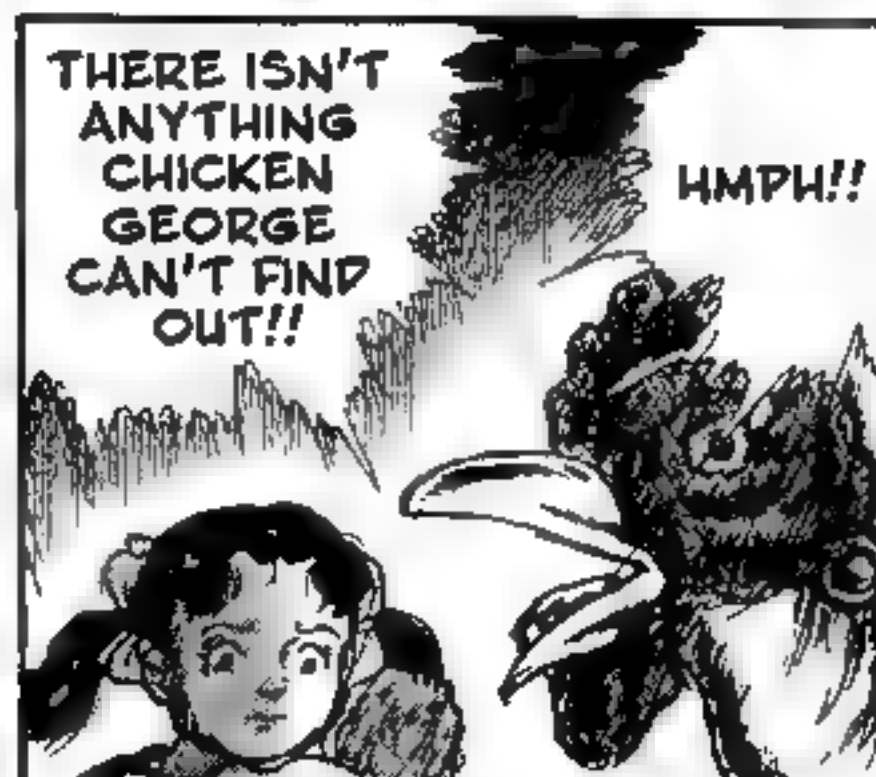
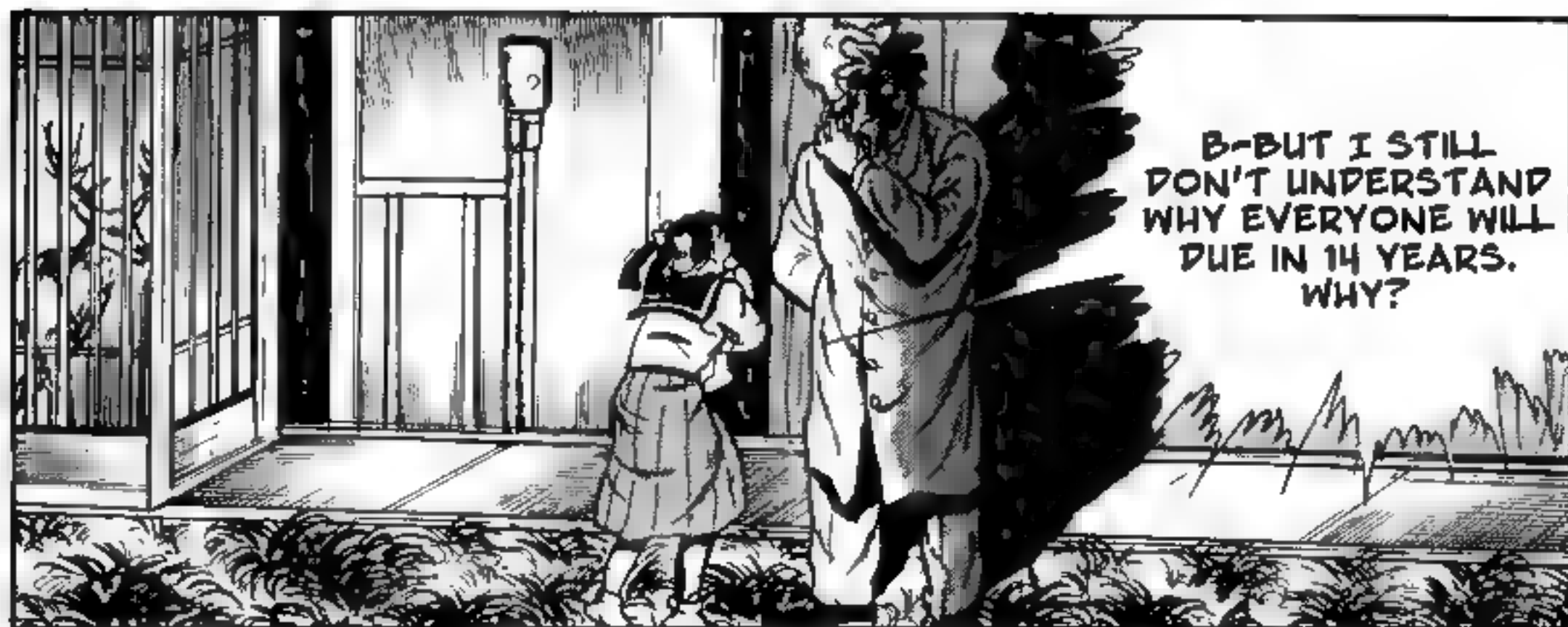
**IT IS
INDEED
POSSIBLE
TO CREATE
A SERUM
FOR
IMMORT-
ALITY!!**



**THAT IS
PROOF THAT
THIS HUMAN
HAS REALIZED
THAT HIS RACE
IS CLOSE TO
THEIR END
!!**

**ONE EXTREMELY
HUMAN-LIKE
PERSON OF POWER,
HOWEVER,
HAS BEGUN
TO SAY THAT
THEY WANT
TO CREATE
AN IMMORT-
ALITY ELIXIR!!**







FOR HUMANS,
THE PROCESS
ON GROWING TO
BECOME A HUMAN
IS ALL WRITTEN OUT
IN THEIR GENES,
AND THEY JUST
GROW ACCORDINGLY
!!



ALSO,
I HAVE
SEEN BOTH
THE PAST
AND THE
FUTURE OF
THE HUMAN
RACE!!




THERE,
AN ANSWER
TELLING HOW
THE HUMANS
WILL EVOLVE
TO BECOME AN
EXTERNALLY
IMMORTAL
RACE
APPEARED!!




BUT IT
WAS A
LIE!!


FRIGHTENING WORDS



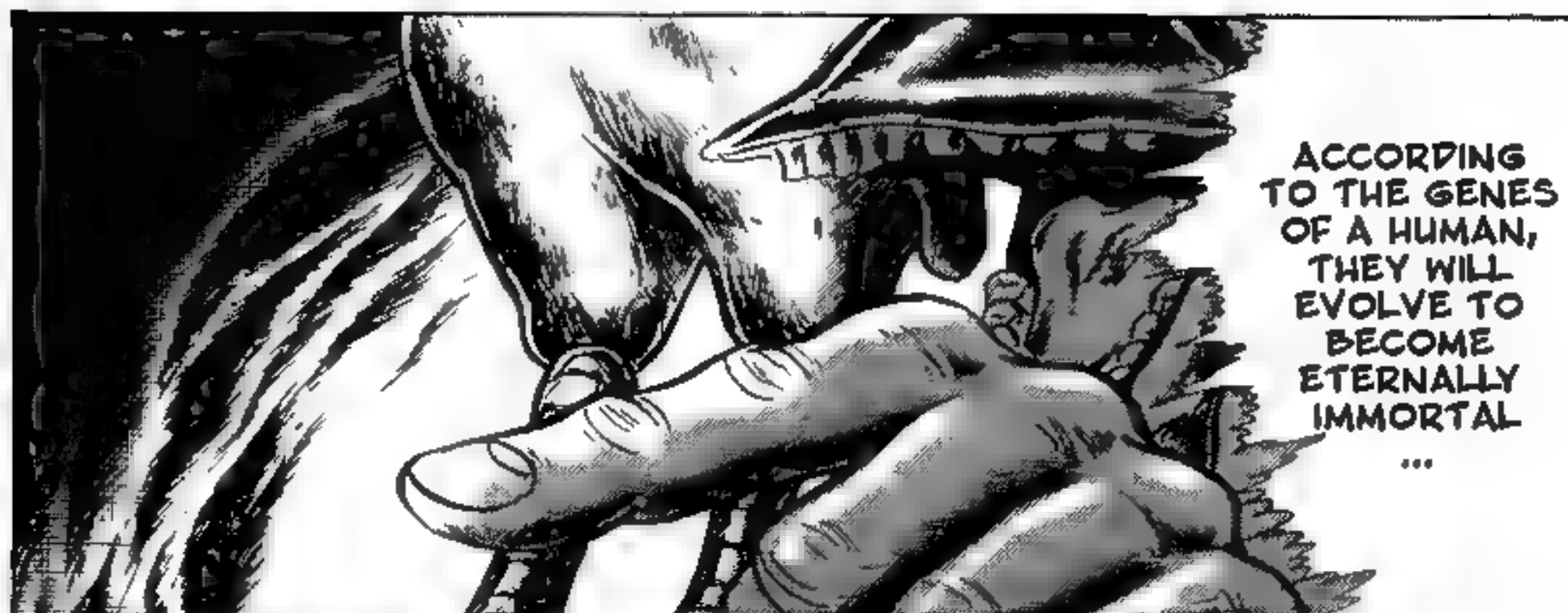
A LIE?!



THAT'S RIGHT,
IT WAS A LIE!!
EVEN I WAS
DECEIVED!!

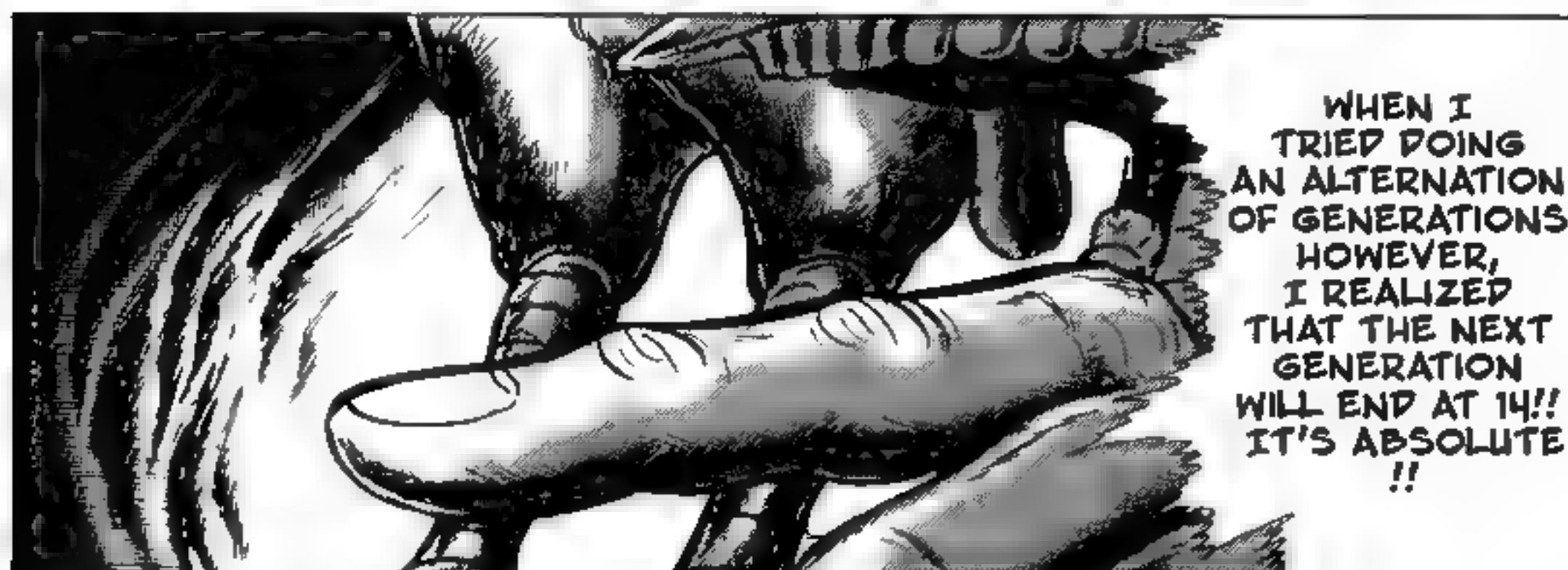


NATURE CAN LIE
TO A MIRACULOUS
DEGREE!!
IT HIDES TRUTH
THAT NOT EVEN
CALCULATIONS CAN
BRING TO LIGHT!!
THAT'S JUST
HOW COMPLICATED
THE TRUTH OF
THE UNIVERSE IS!!



ACCORDING
TO THE GENES
OF A HUMAN,
THEY WILL
EVOLVE TO
BECOME
ETERNALLY
IMMORTAL

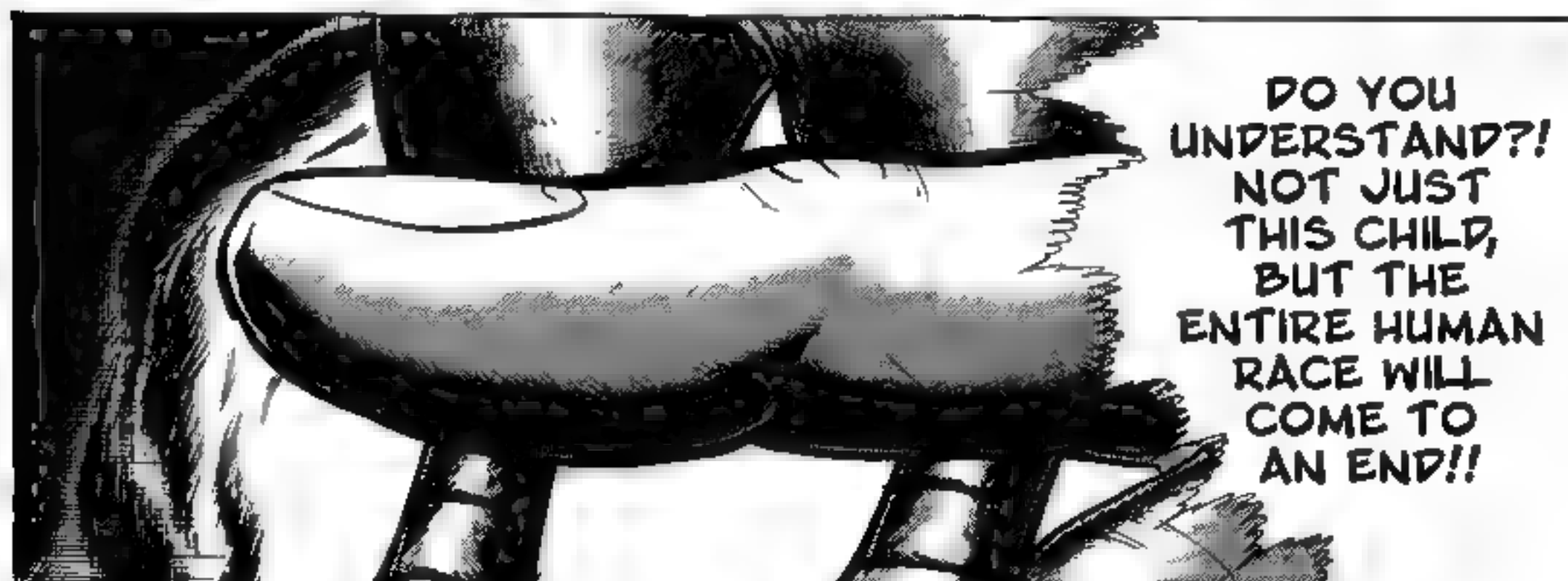
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WHEN I
TRIED DOING
AN ALTERNATION
OF GENERATIONS
HOWEVER,
I REALIZED
THAT THE NEXT
GENERATION
WILL END AT 14!!
IT'S ABSOLUTE
!!



AND AFTER IT ENDS,
THE FRIGHTENING
SHAPE OF HUMANITY'S
PAST WILL APPEAR,
GIVING WAY TO A
HORRIFYING CHAOS!!
I SAW IT WITH
MY OWN EYES!!



DO YOU
UNDERSTAND?!
NOT JUST
THIS CHILD,
BUT THE
ENTIRE HUMAN
RACE WILL
COME TO
AN END!!



THIS CHILD'S
GENERATION
WILL FINISH OFF
HUMANITY'S
EXISTENCE!!



YOU MEAN
HUMANITY
WILL DIE
OUT IN THIS
CHILD'S
GENERATION
?!



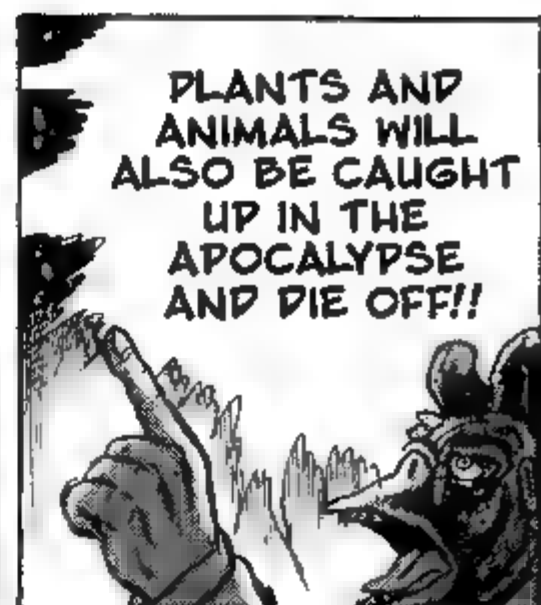
EHHH
?!



EXACTLY
!!



THE APOCALYPTIC YEAR OF 14





NO,
NOT
YET!!



LUCY,
WERE THE
ROCKET SHIP
FUNDS FROM
GRAND MASTER
ROSE
DEPOSITED?



SFX: GYAAAH.



I'LL GO
SEE!!



IT'S THE
DEPOSIT
SIGNAL,
DOCTOR
!!



SFX: BUUUUU BUUUUU.



ATTENTION
!!



SFX: .KASHA

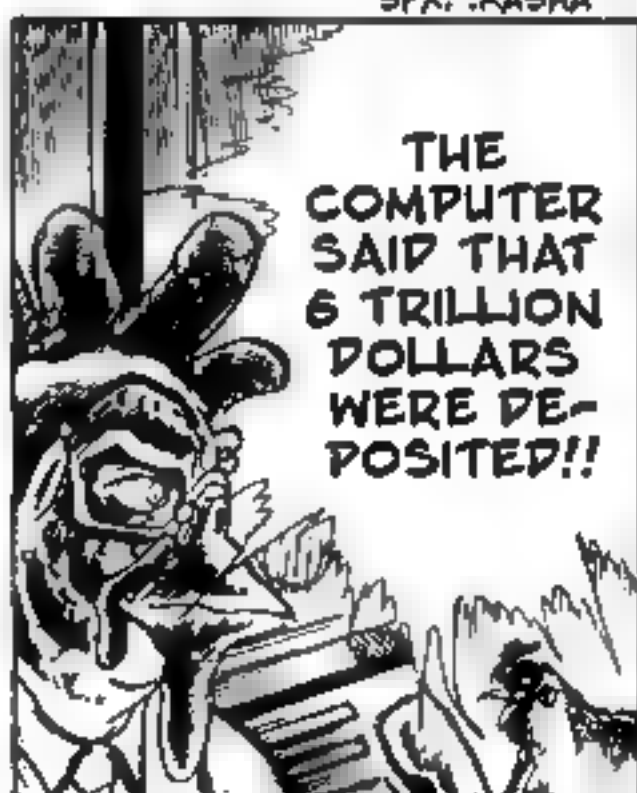


CUC-
COO
!!



I CAN'T
MAKE A
SPACESHIP
WITH THAT
AMOUNT
!!

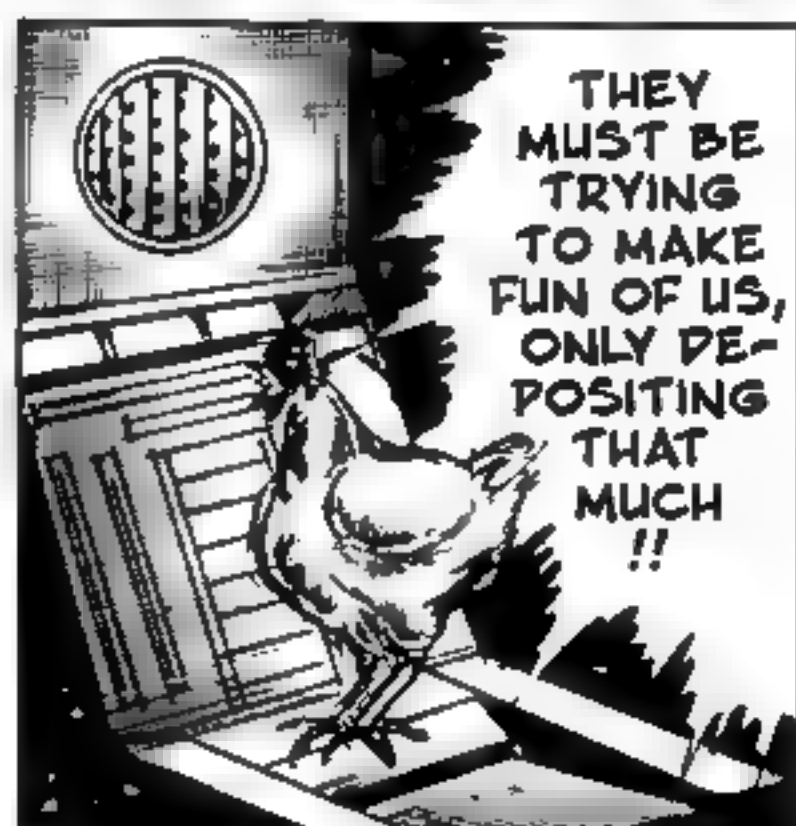
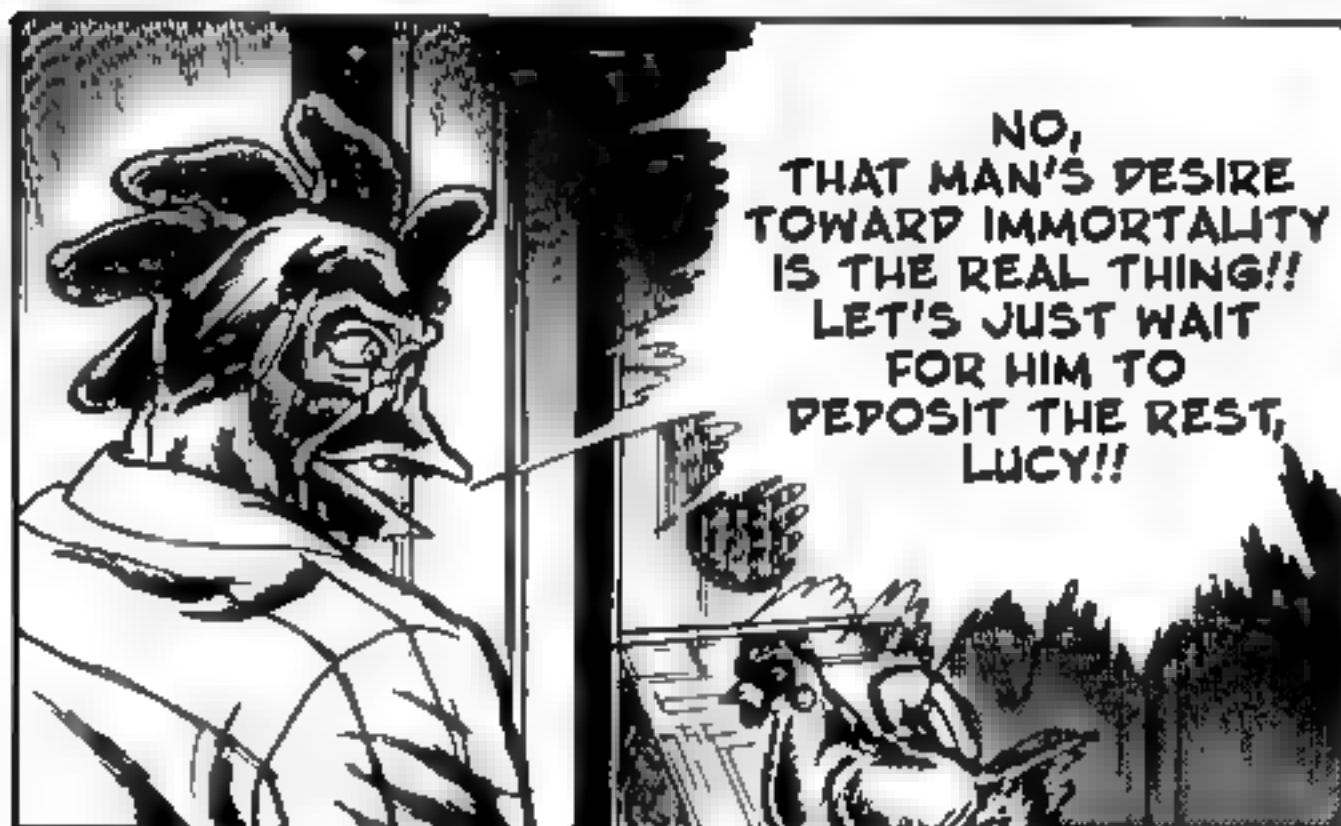
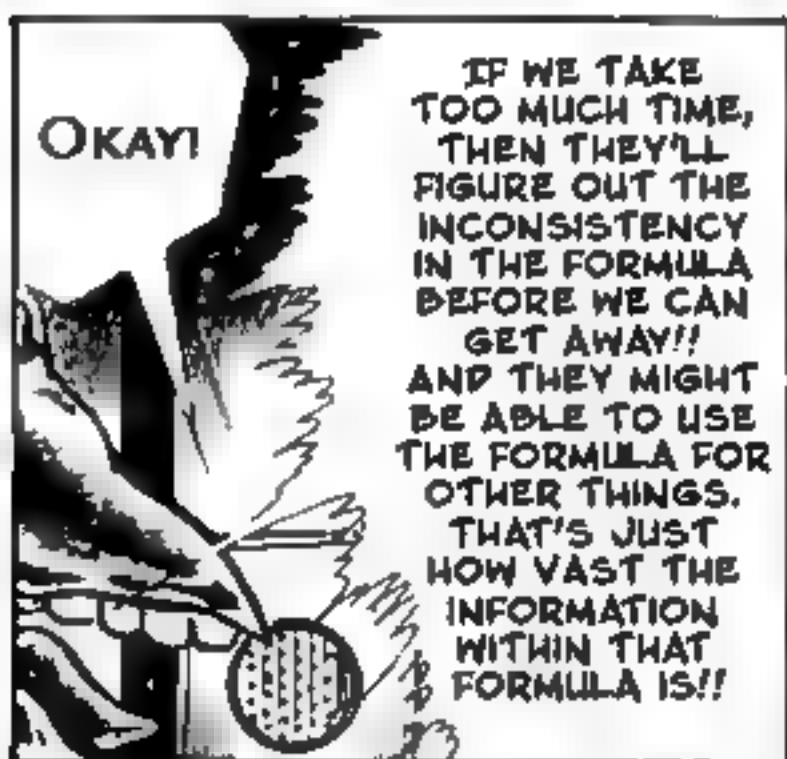
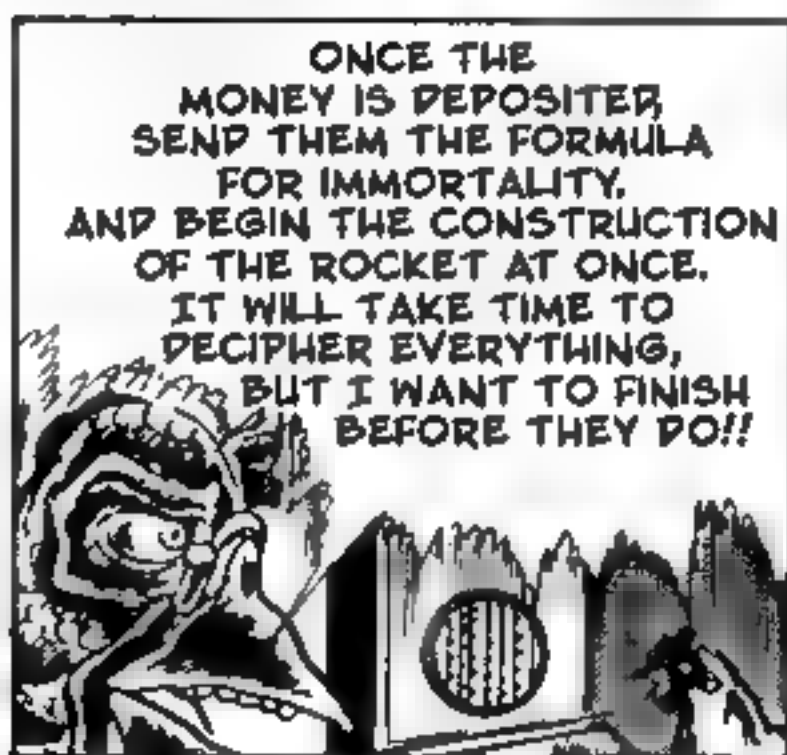
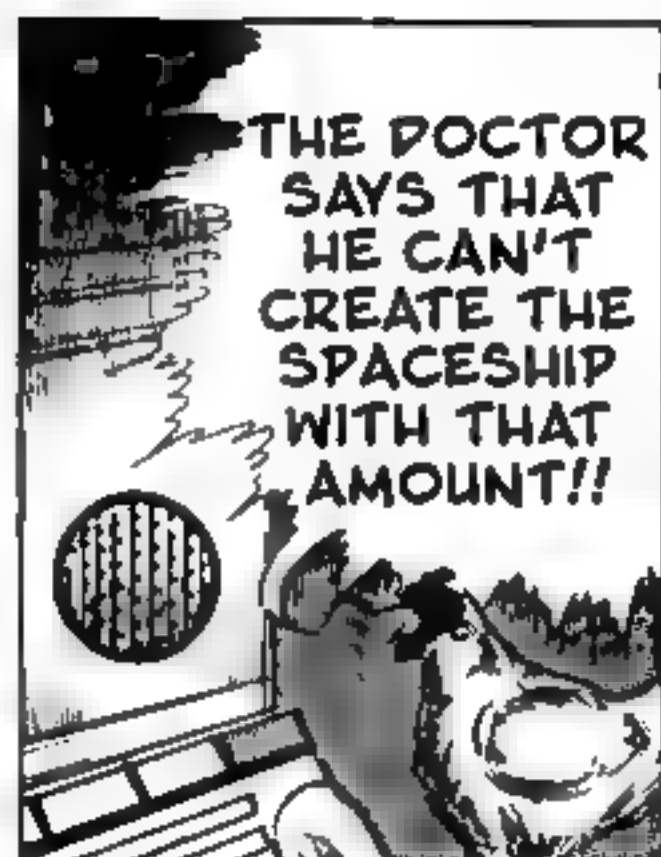
BUT I
ASKED
FOR NINE
!!



THE
COMPUTER
SAID THAT
6 TRILLION
DOLLARS
WERE DE-
POSITED!!



6 TRILLION
DOLLARS
FROM GRAND
MASTER ROSE
HAVE NOW
BEEN DE-
POSITED!





BUT YOU'D
BETTER NOT
LET THEM
TRICK YOU!!
DR. CHICKEN
GEORGE!!



GUESS
WE HAVE
NO
CHOICE
!!



SFX: FLAP FLAP.



I FEEL
VERY
CONFIDENT
HAVING
YOU BY
MY SIDE!!

THANK
YOU,
LUCY!!



WELL?
DID YOU
UNDER-
STAND
WHAT I
TOLD
YOU?



IT SURE
MAKES ME
HAPPY TO
HEAR THAT,
DR. CHICKEN
GEORGE!!

SFX: GYAAAH.



BUT
A-AFTER
HEARING
SUCH A
SCARY
THING,
...



Y-YES,
MOST
OF IT!!



W-WHEN
THIS CHILD
TURNS 14,
THE HUMAN
RACE WILL
DIE OUT,
RIGHT?

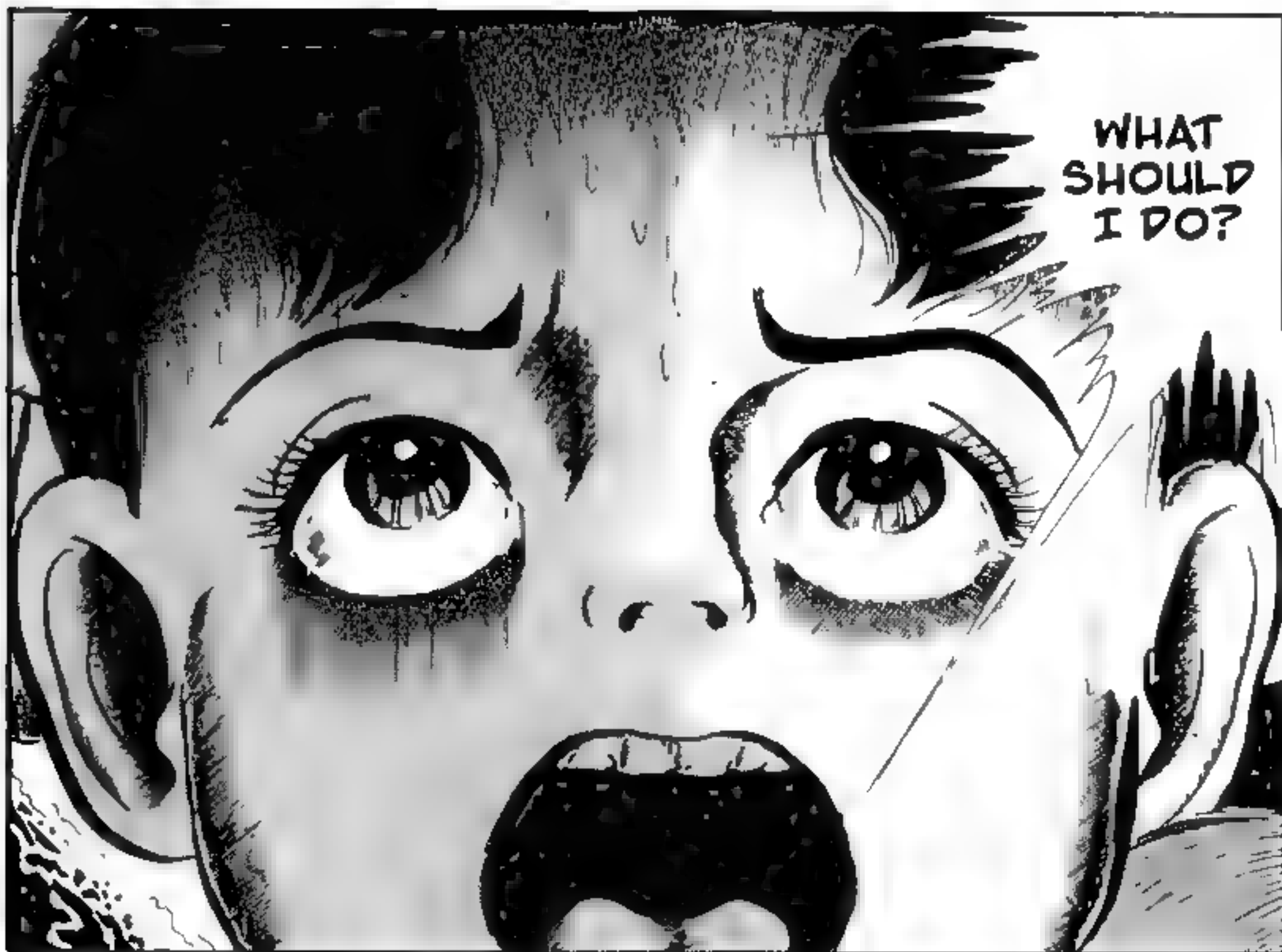


...JUST
WHAT AM I
SUPPOSED
TO DO?

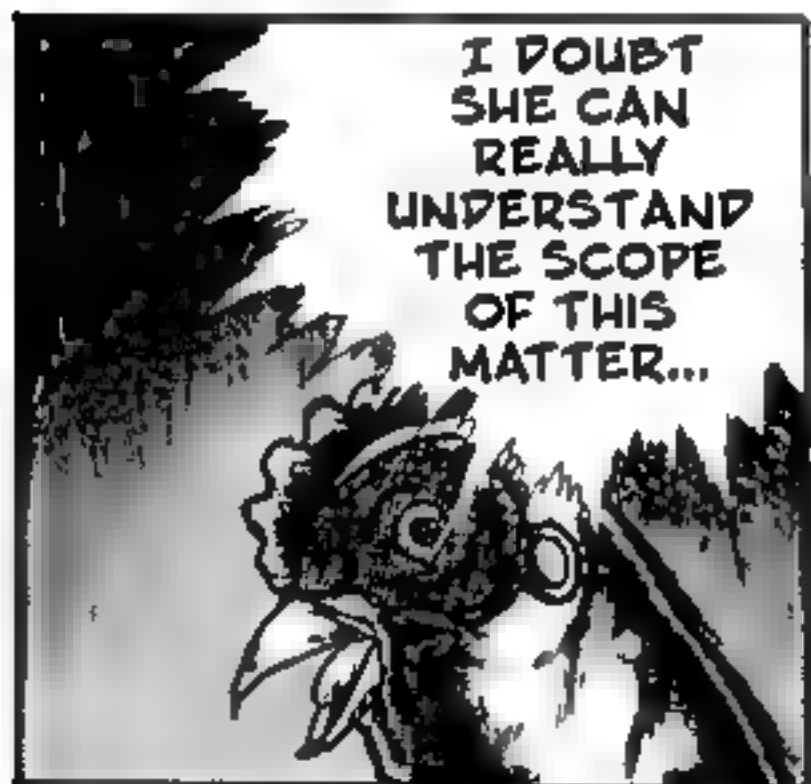
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WHAT
SHOULD
I DO?



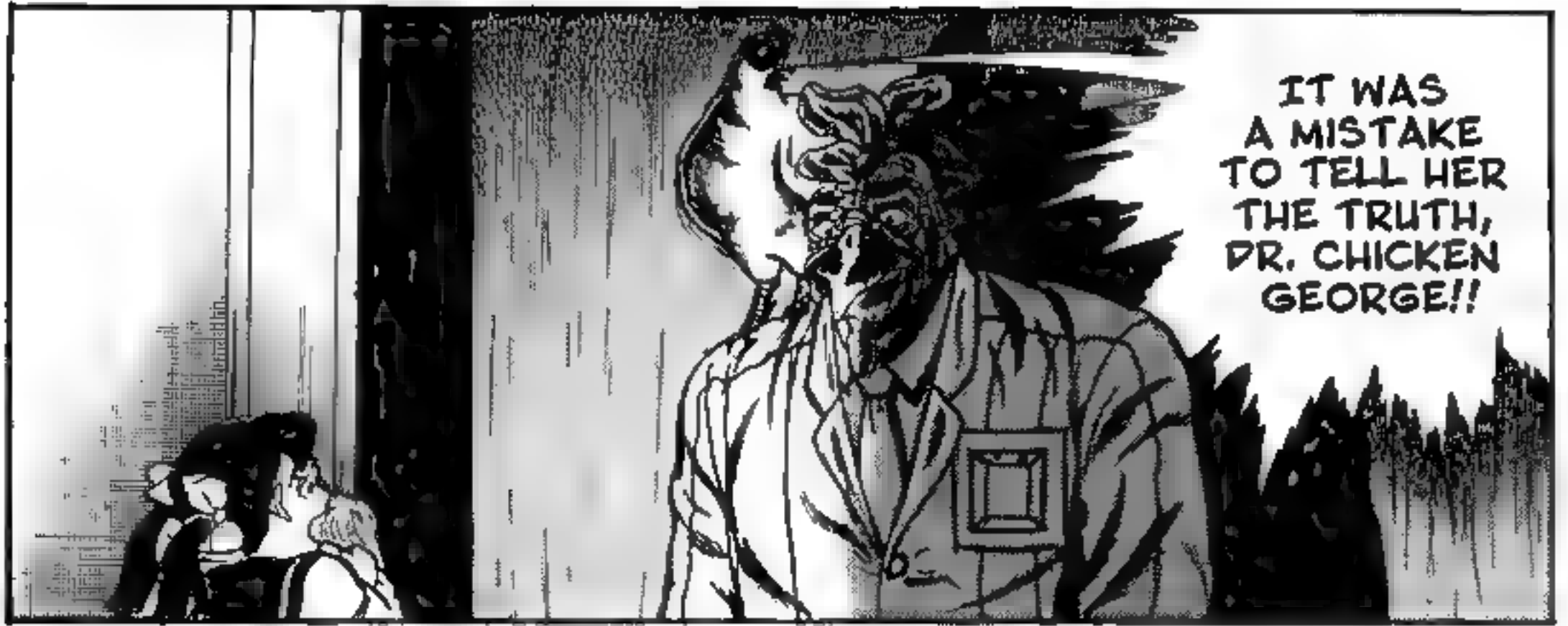
I DOUBT
SHE CAN
REALLY
UNDERSTAND
THE SCOPE
OF THIS
MATTER...



WAS IT
REALLY
NECESSARY
TO TELL HER
EVERYTHING?



DOCTOR,
THIS CHILD IS
SERIOUSLY
WORRIED!!



IT WAS
A MISTAKE
TO TELL HER
THE TRUTH,
DR. CHICKEN
GEORGE!!



NO!!

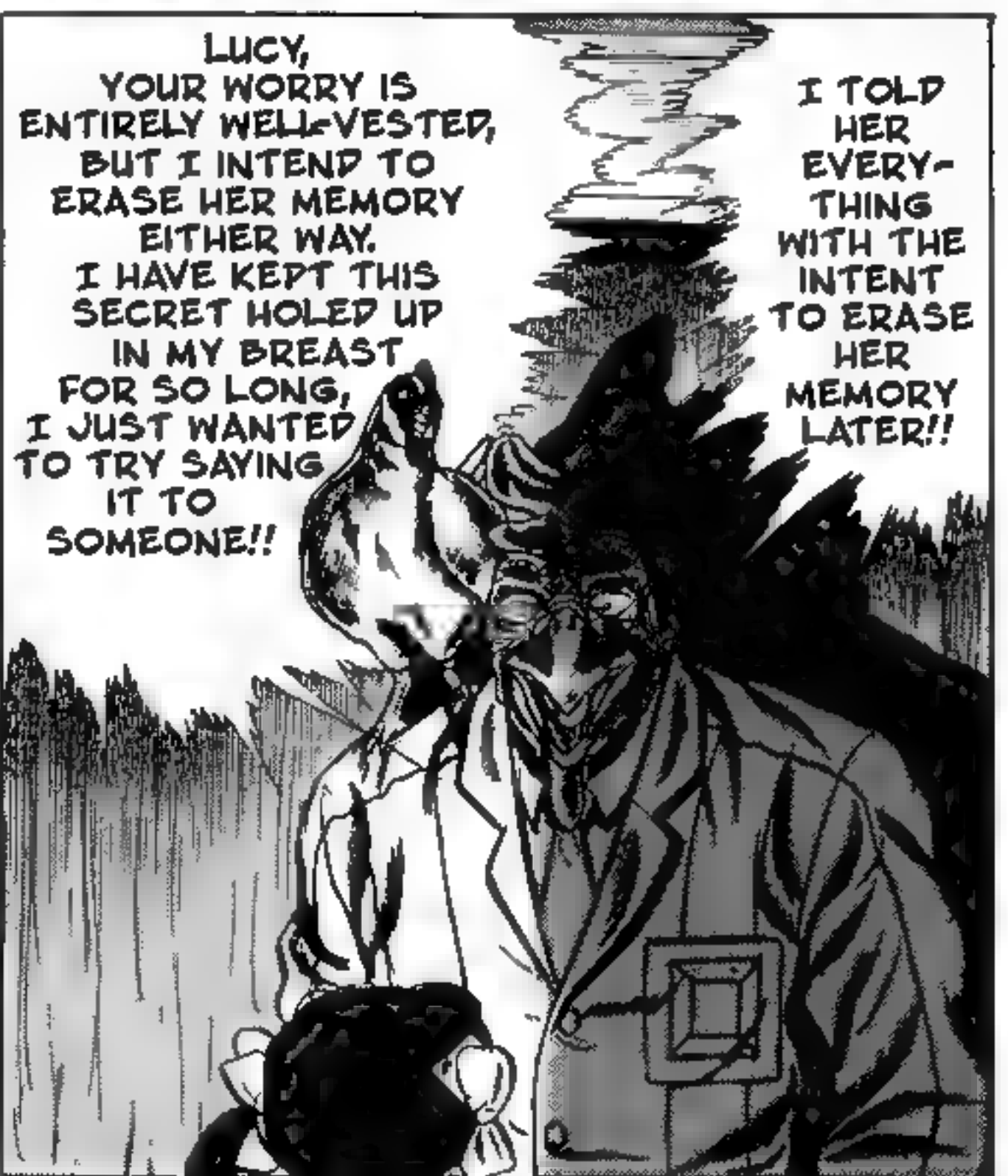


WHY IN THE
WORLD WOULD
YOU REVEAL
SUCH AN
IMPORTANT
SECRET OF
THE HUMAN
RACE?!



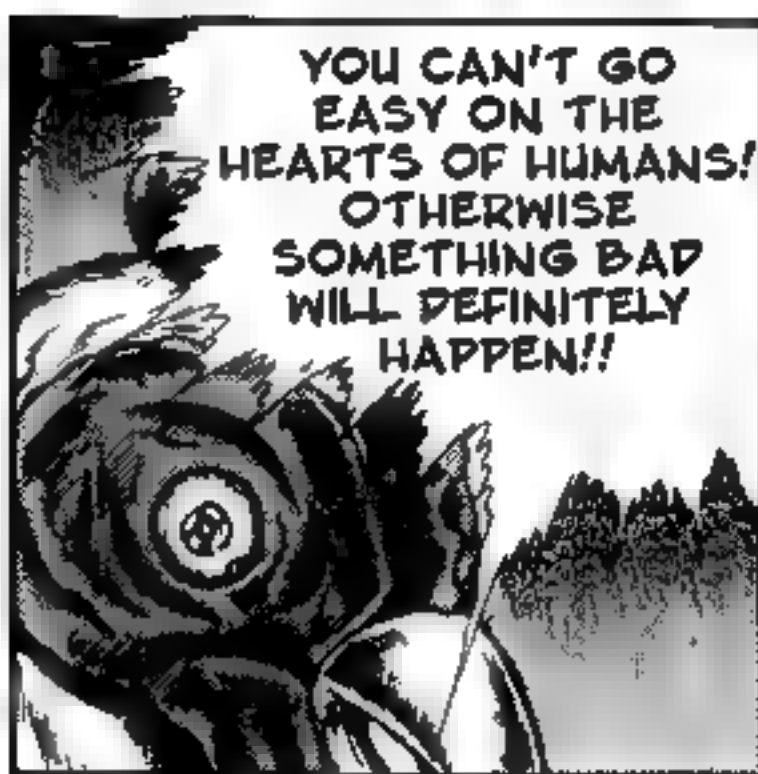
THIS
CHILD
IS A
HUMAN,
AFTER
ALL!!

THAT'S AN
EXTREMELY
DANGEROUS
THOUGHT,
DR. CHICKEN
GEORGE!!



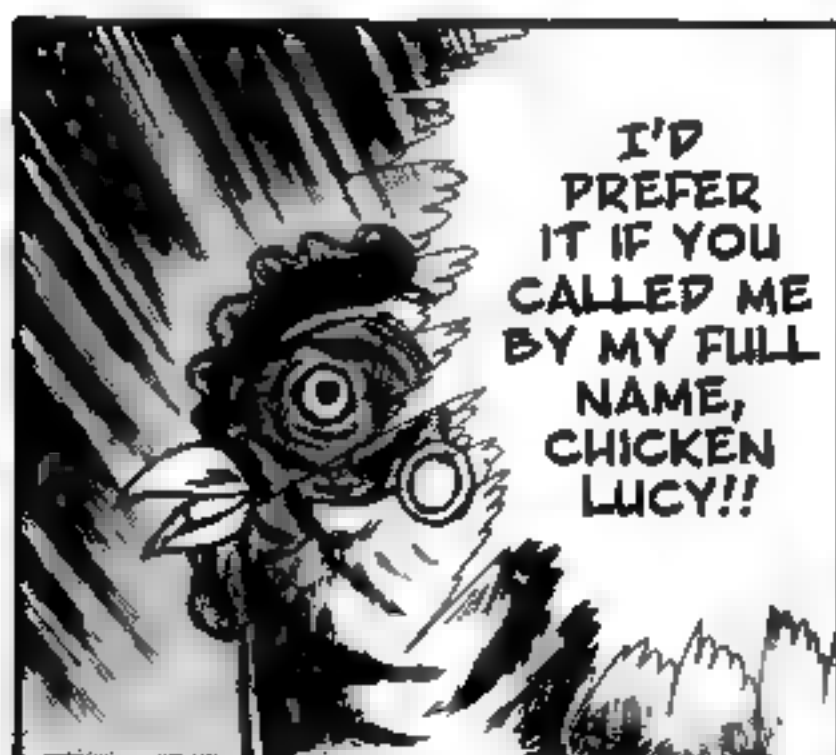
LUCY,
YOUR WORRY IS
ENTIRELY WELL-VESTED,
BUT I INTEND TO
ERASE HER MEMORY
EITHER WAY.
I HAVE KEPT THIS
SECRET HOLED UP
IN MY BREAST
FOR SO LONG,
I JUST WANTED
TO TRY SAYING
IT TO
SOMEONE!!

I TOLD
HER
EVERY-
THING
WITH THE
INTENT
TO ERASE
HER
MEMORY
LATER!!



YOU CAN'T GO
EASY ON THE
HEARTS OF HUMANS!
OTHERWISE
SOMETHING BAD
WILL DEFINITELY
HAPPEN!!

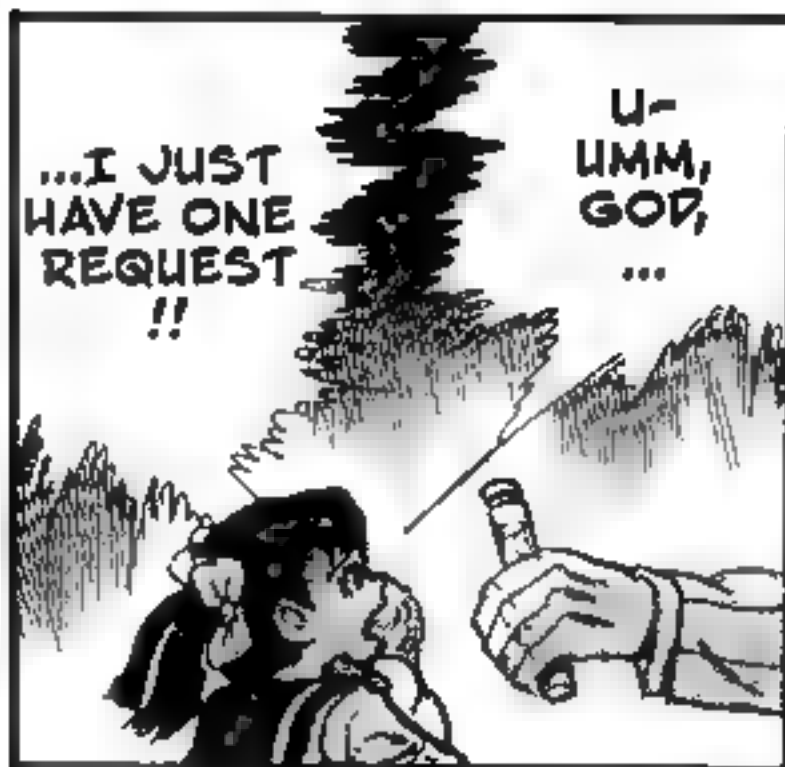
CHICKEN LUCY S WORRY







SFX: GYAAAH.





EHH?
THEN
I WILL
TAKE IT,
PLEASE!!

BY THE TIME
YOU DRINK THIS
MEDICINE
AND WAKE UP,
ALL THE GREEN
COLOR WILL BE
GONE FROM THAT
CHILD'S BODY!!



WHY DID THE
PLANT WORLD DO
THAT TO HUMANS,
WHEN THEY'RE JUST GOING
TO DIE OFF ANYWAY...
AND WITHOUT
DOING ANYTHING
TO ANIMALS...
HOW OMINOUS!!



PERSONALLY,
I THINK IT'S BETTER
IF THE GREEN COLOR
IS NOT REMOVED...
BUT I UNDERSTAND
YOUR POINT.
I'LL GIVE IT A TRY!!



Y-YES,
GOD,

NOW,
DRINK
UP!!

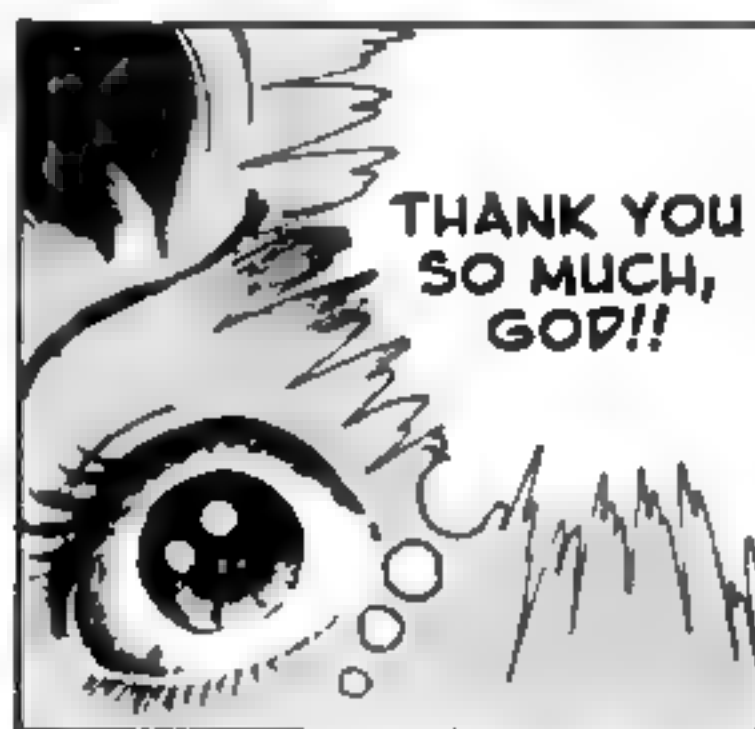


THANK
YOU SO
MUCH!!

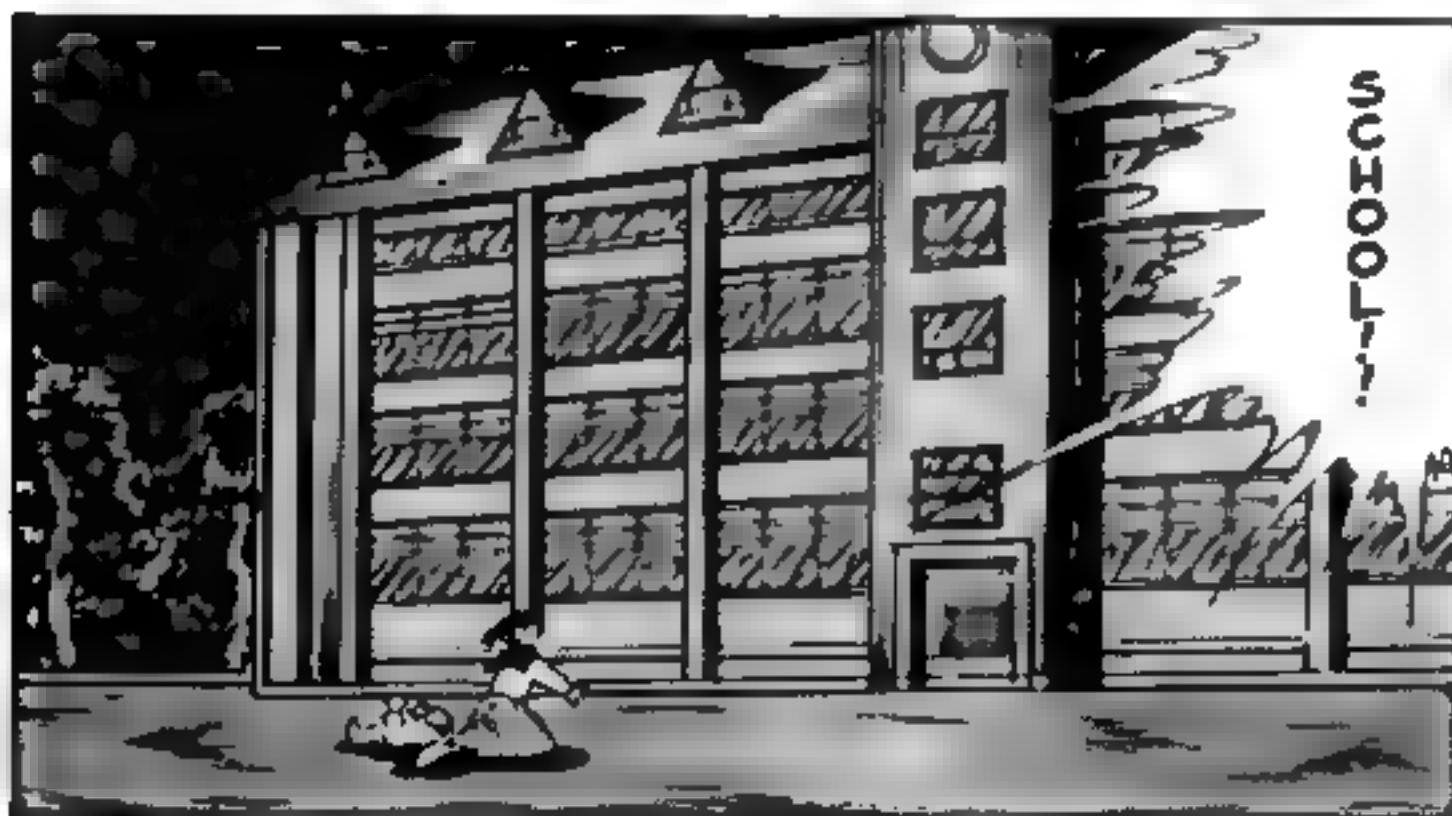
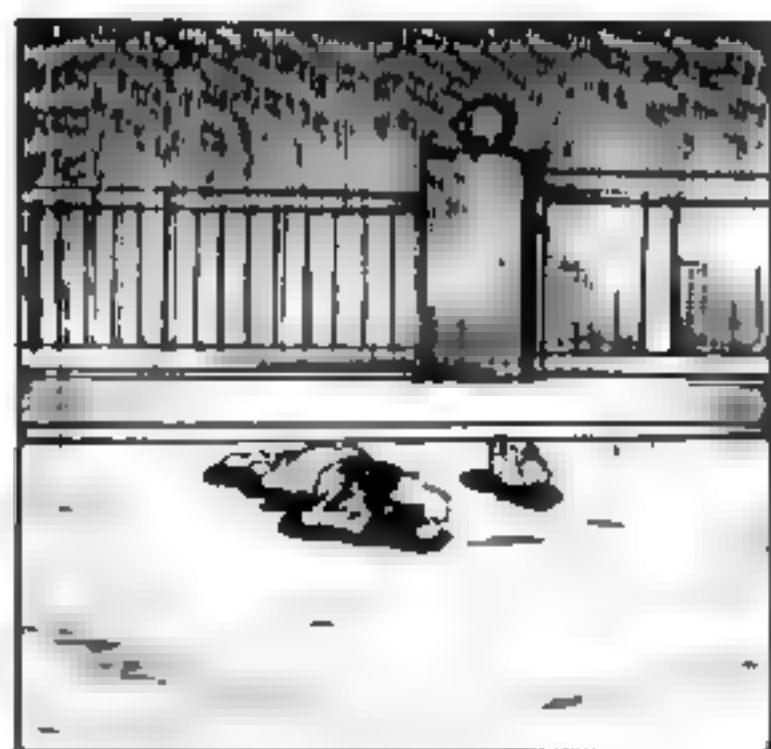


DO
IT!!



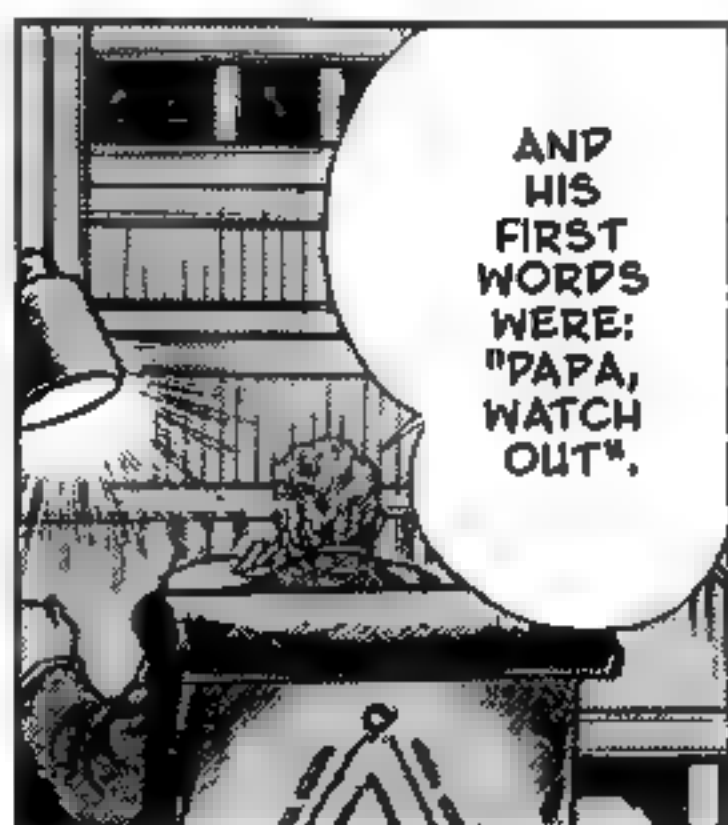


SFX: GULP.



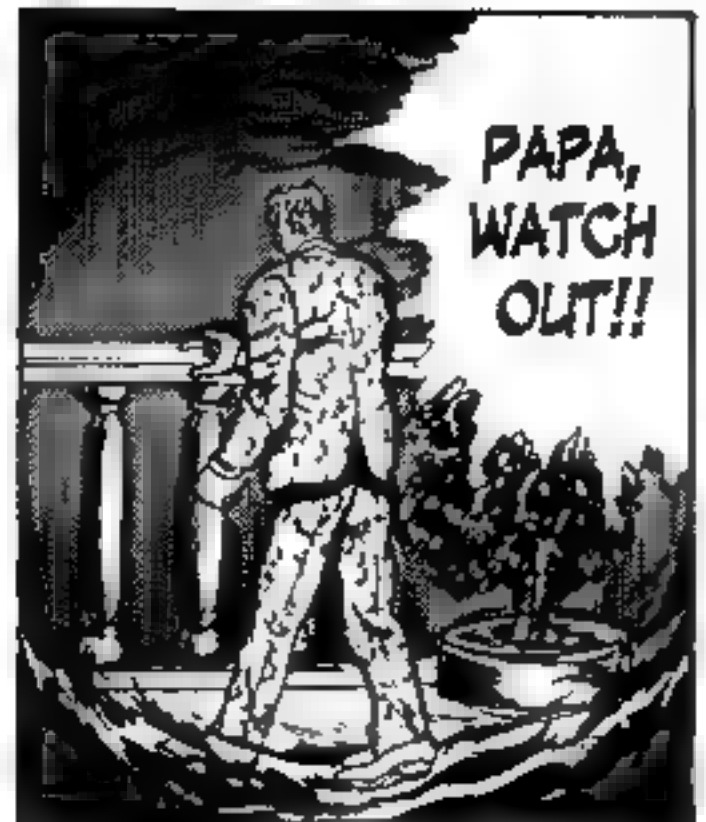


THE PRESIDENT S DIARY





SFX: CRACK.



PAPA,
WATCH
OUT!!



BUT
THAT
ISN'T
ALL.



I BARELY
ESCAPED
DEATH.



AHH!!



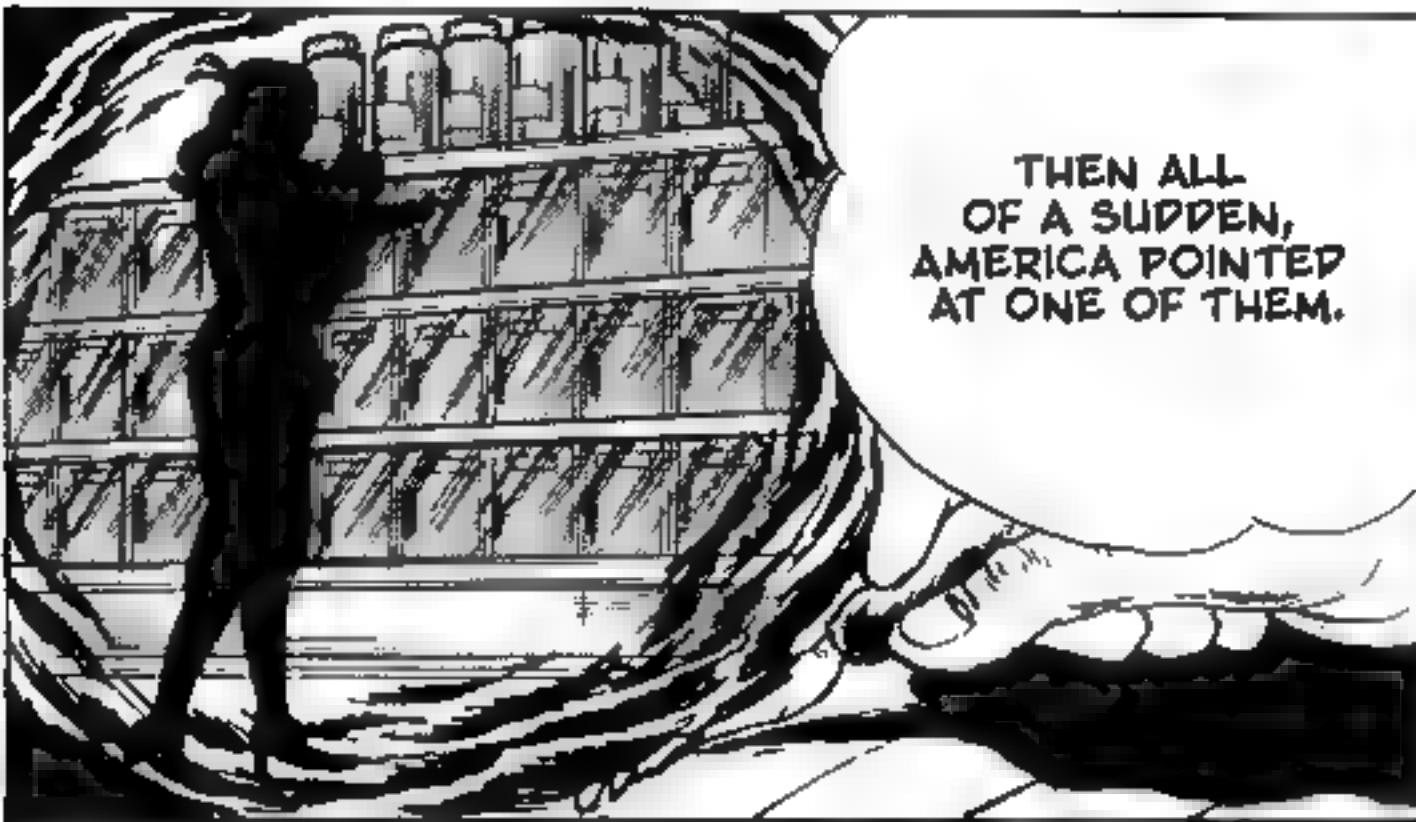
AMERICA KEPT
PESTERING ME
HER DAY,
SO SHE DECIDED
TO TAKE HIM
WITH HER.



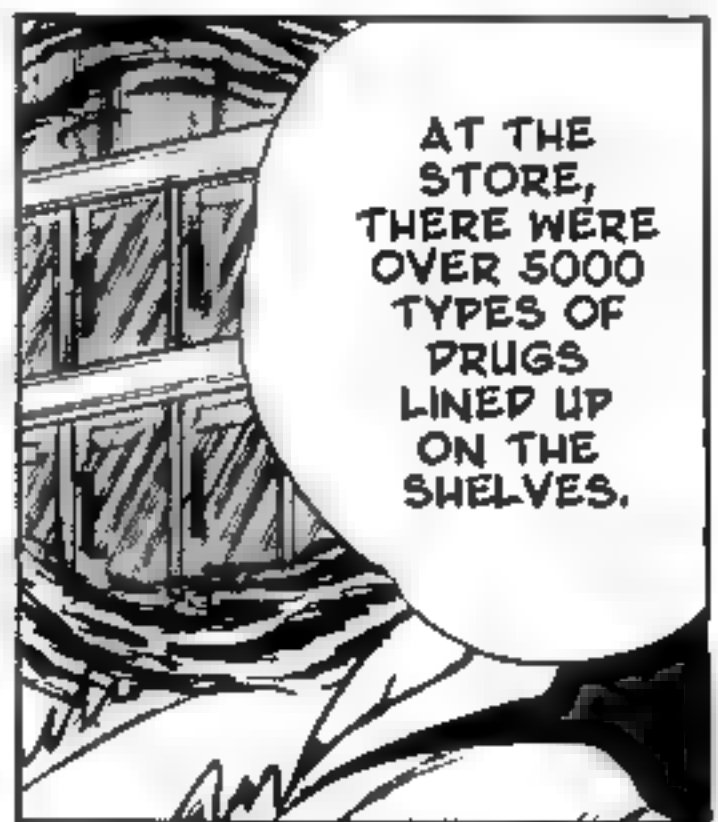
SHE STARTED
DRINKING SOME
SPECIAL CHINESE
MEDICINE FROM HER
LOCAL DRUGSTORE,
BUT WAS CONSTANTLY
WORRIED ABOUT HOW
SHE NEVER GOT
BETTER.



SINCE
MY WIFE
SUSAN
IS WEAK
WITH ILL-
NESS,



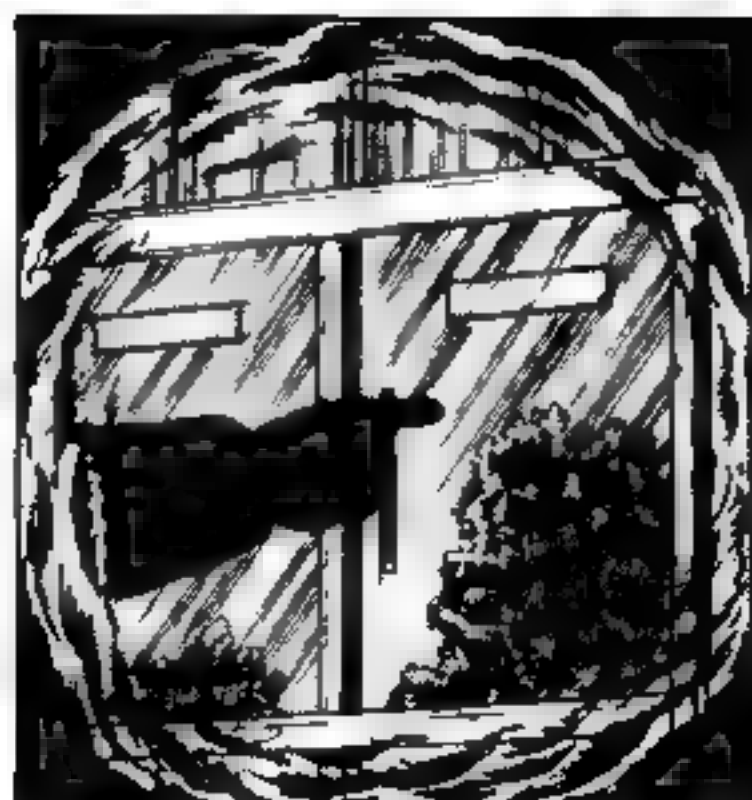
THEN ALL
OF A SUDDEN,
AMERICA POINTED
AT ONE OF THEM.



AT THE
STORE,
THERE WERE
OVER 5000
TYPES OF
DRUGS
LINED UP
ON THE
SHELVES.



AT THAT TIME,
AMERICA WAS
ALSO CARRYING
HIS FRIEND BOBBY,
THE CACTUS.



AFTER
MY WIFE
SELECTED
THE MEDICINE
AMERICA
POINTED TO
AND THEN
TRIED
PRINKING IT,
...



...THE
FATIGUE
DISAPPEARED
INSTANTLY
FROM HER
BODY.



STRANGELY
ENOUGH,
...



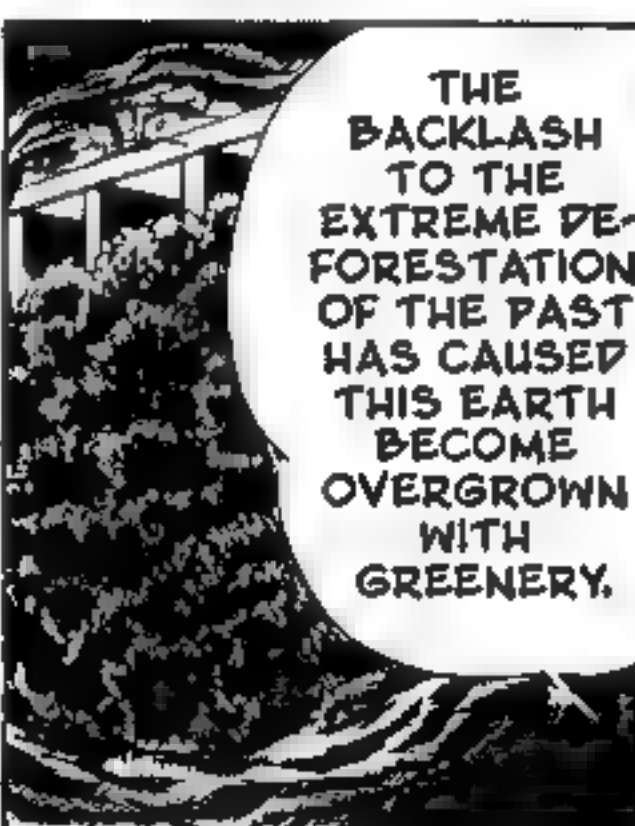
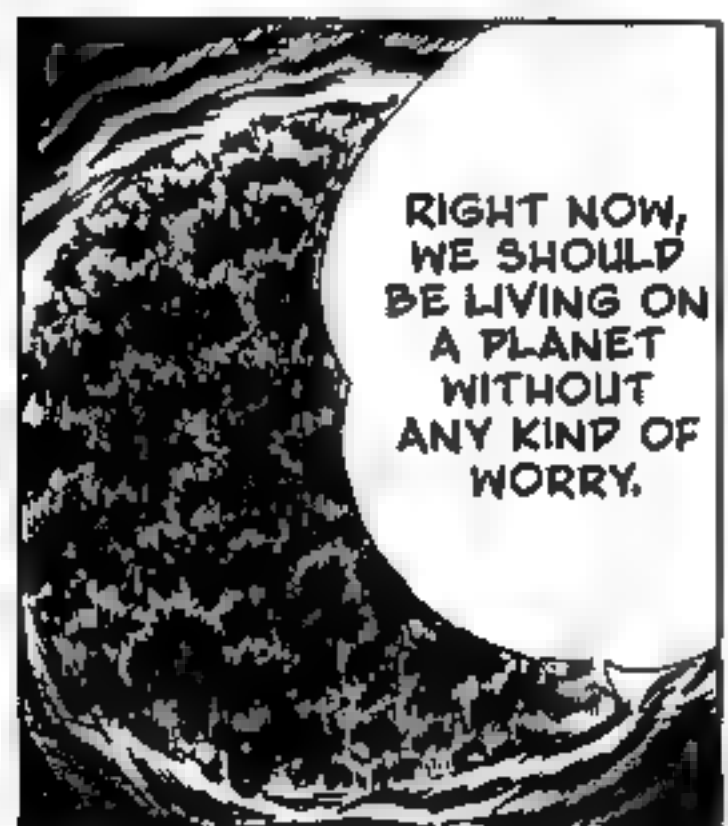
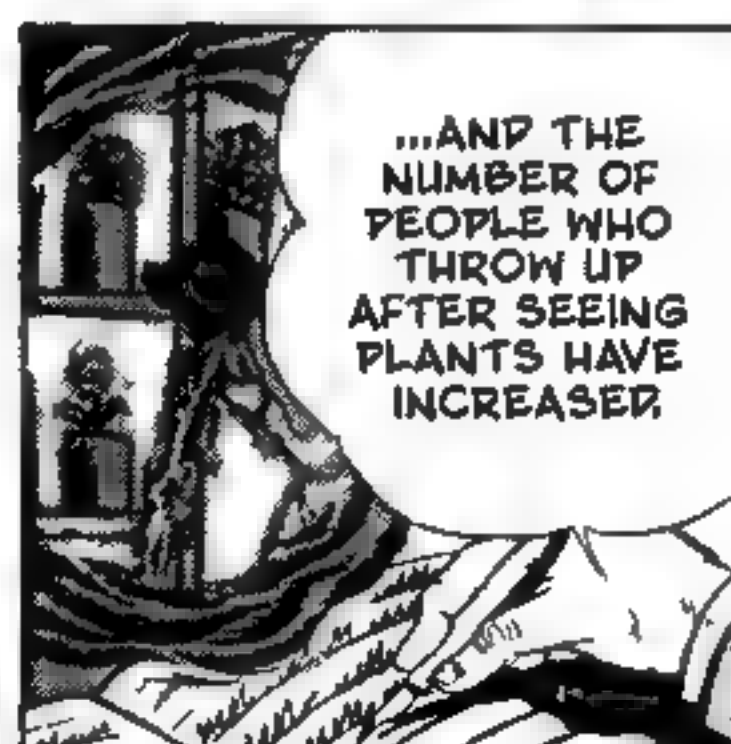
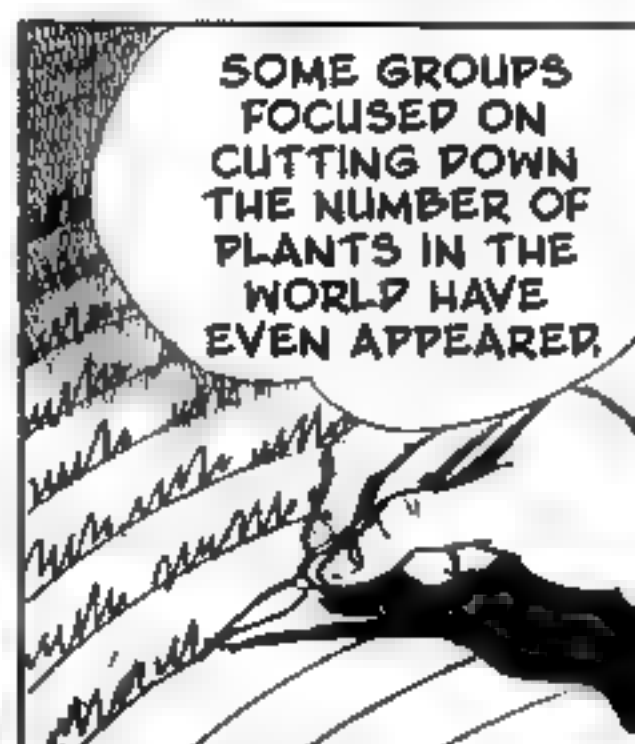
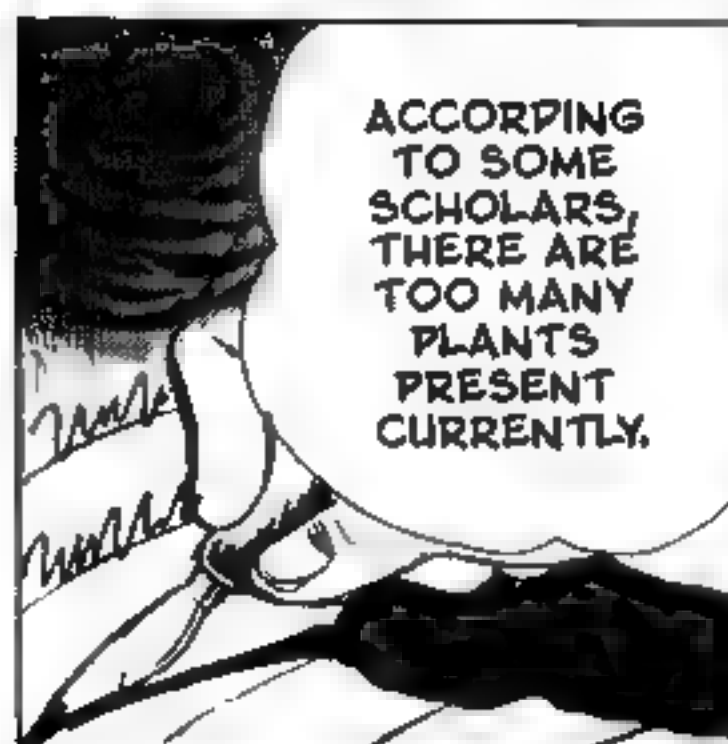
...SO
I BELIEVE
IT IS JUST
HIS CHILD'S
IMAGINATION
AT PLAY.

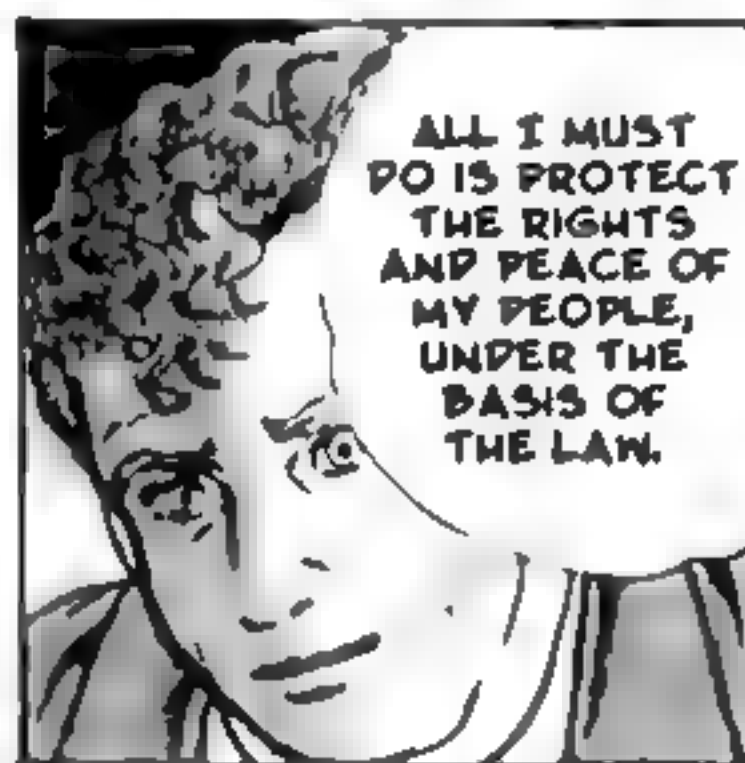
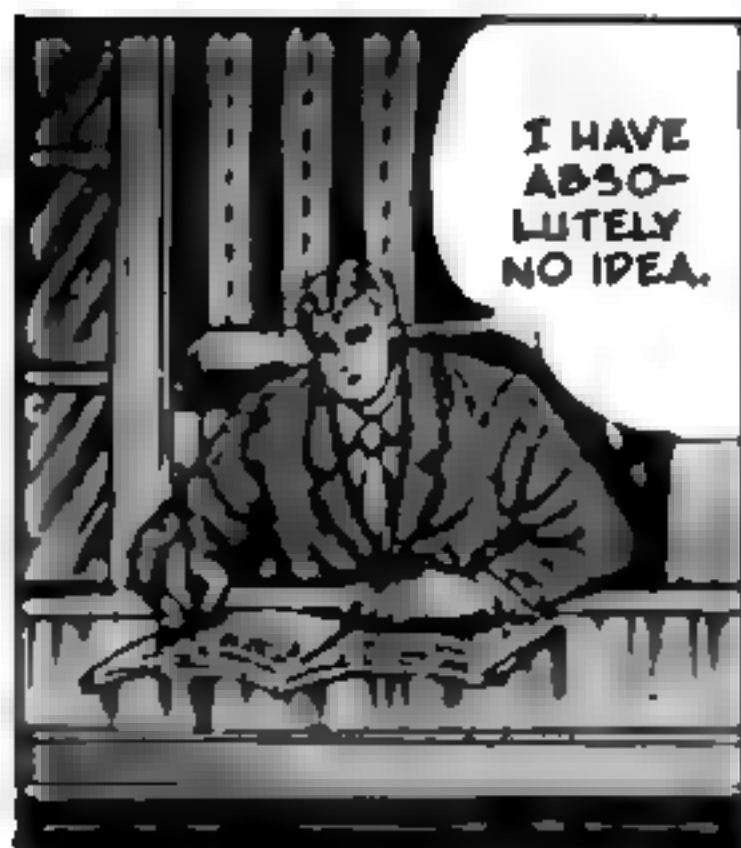


OF COURSE,
AMERICA HAD
DIFFICULTY
GETTING OUT
HIS WORDS,
...



AMERICA
SAID
BOBBY
TOLD HIM.



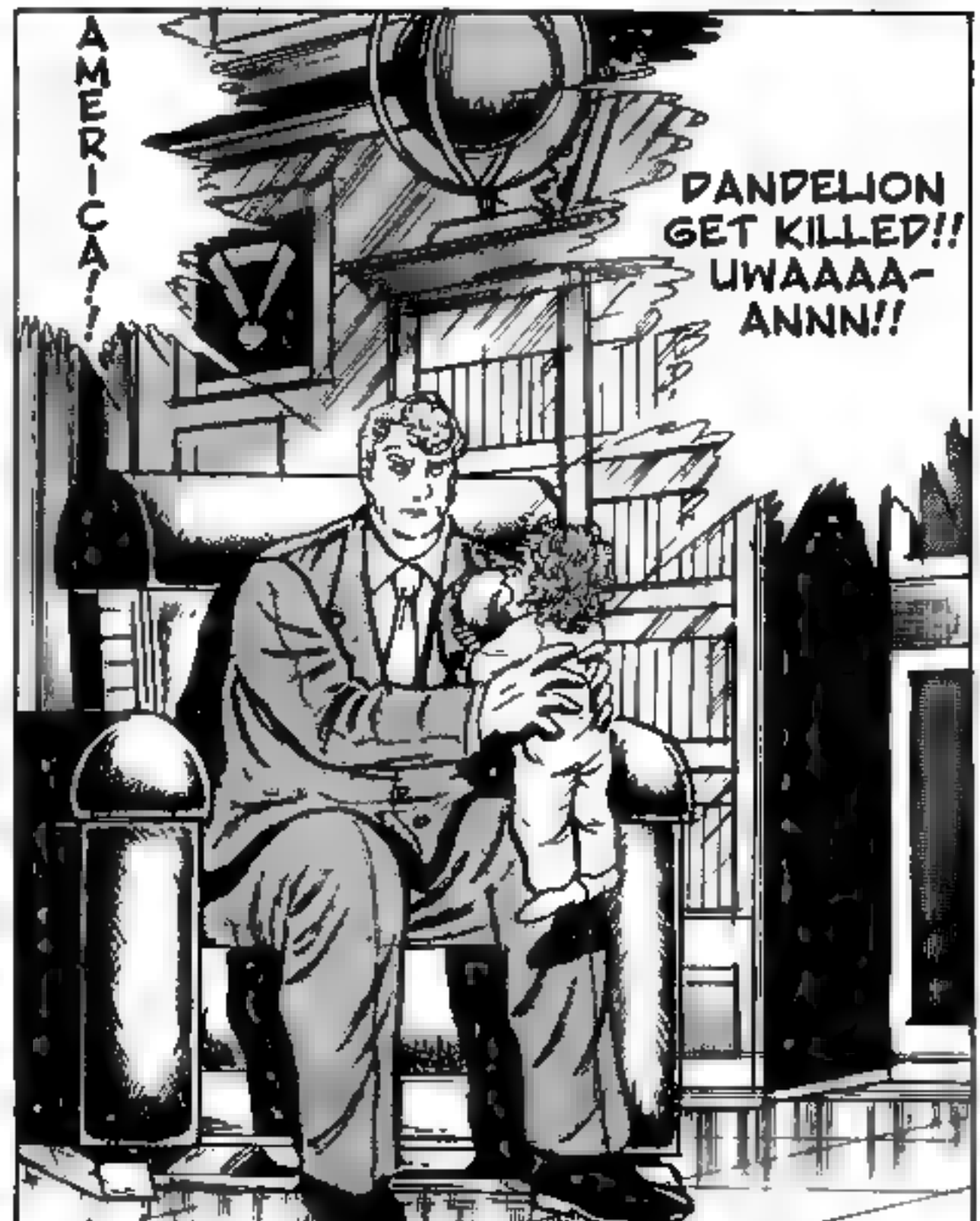
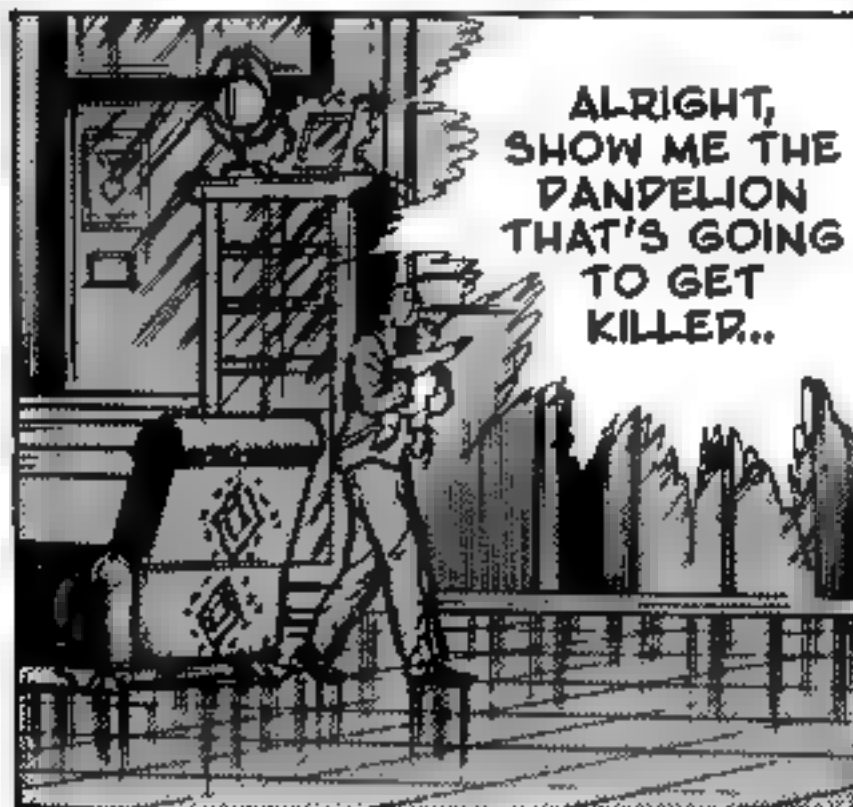
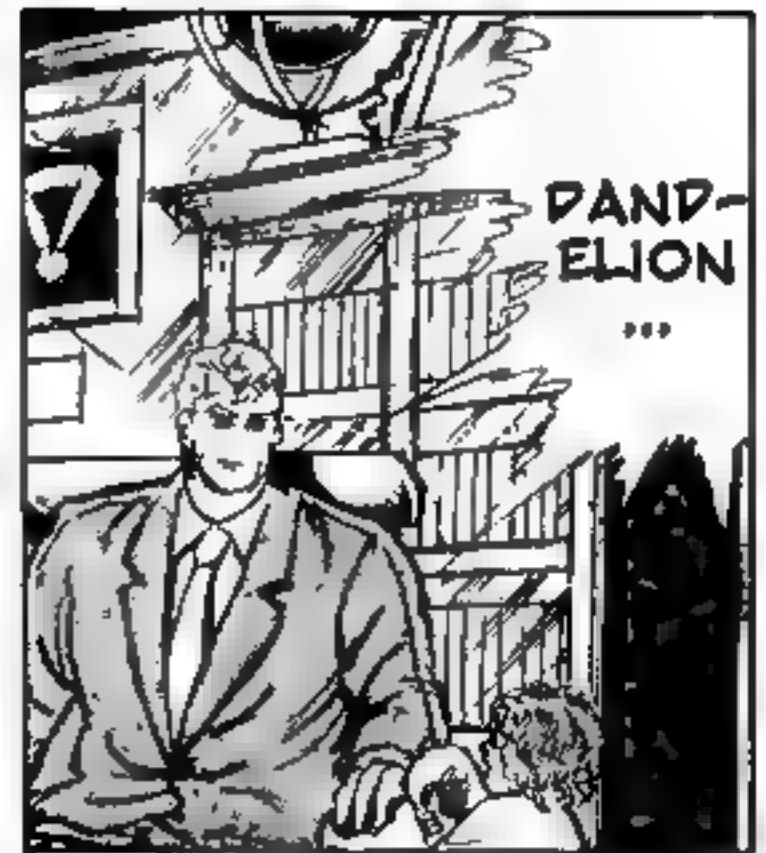


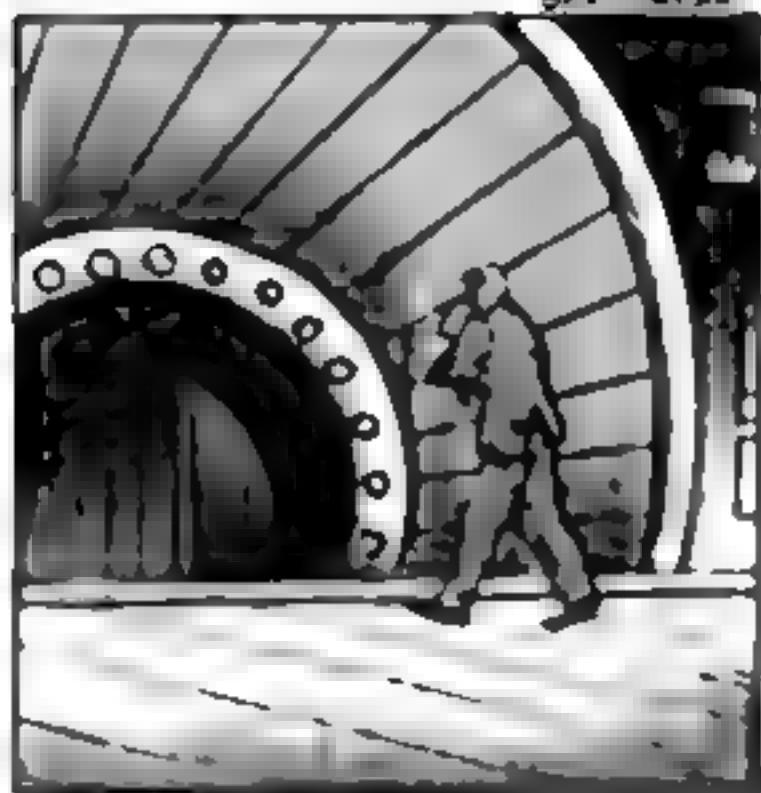
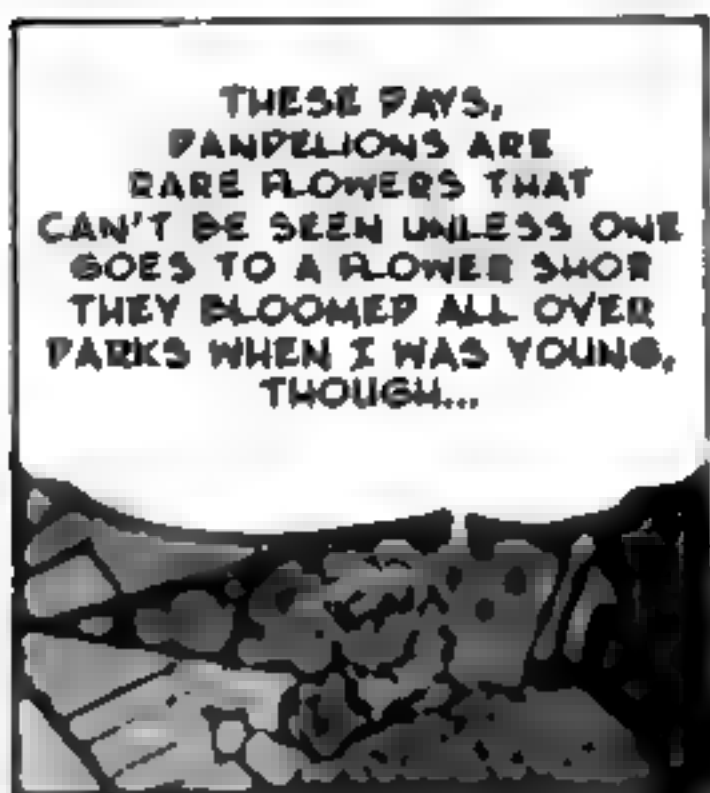
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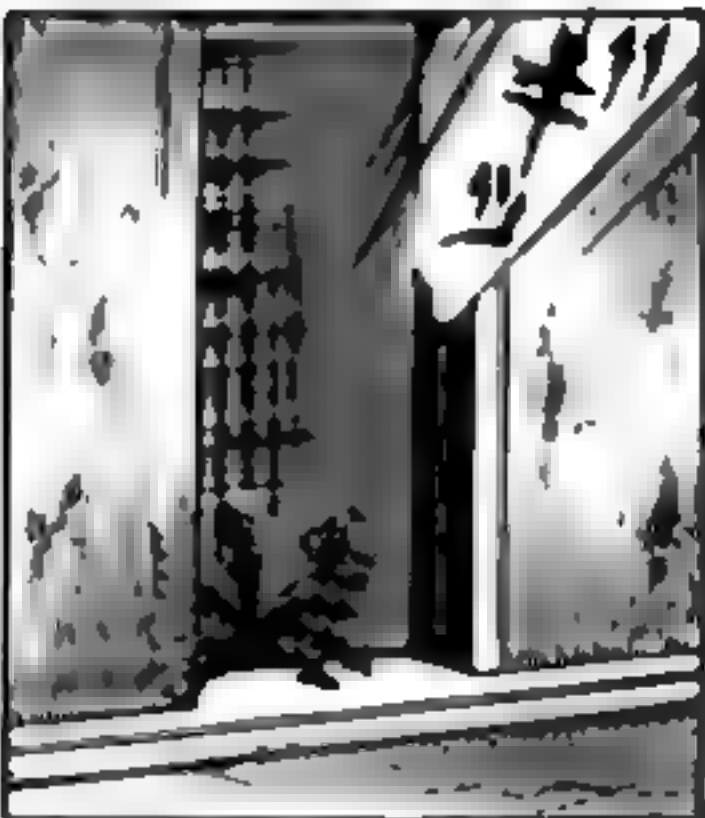
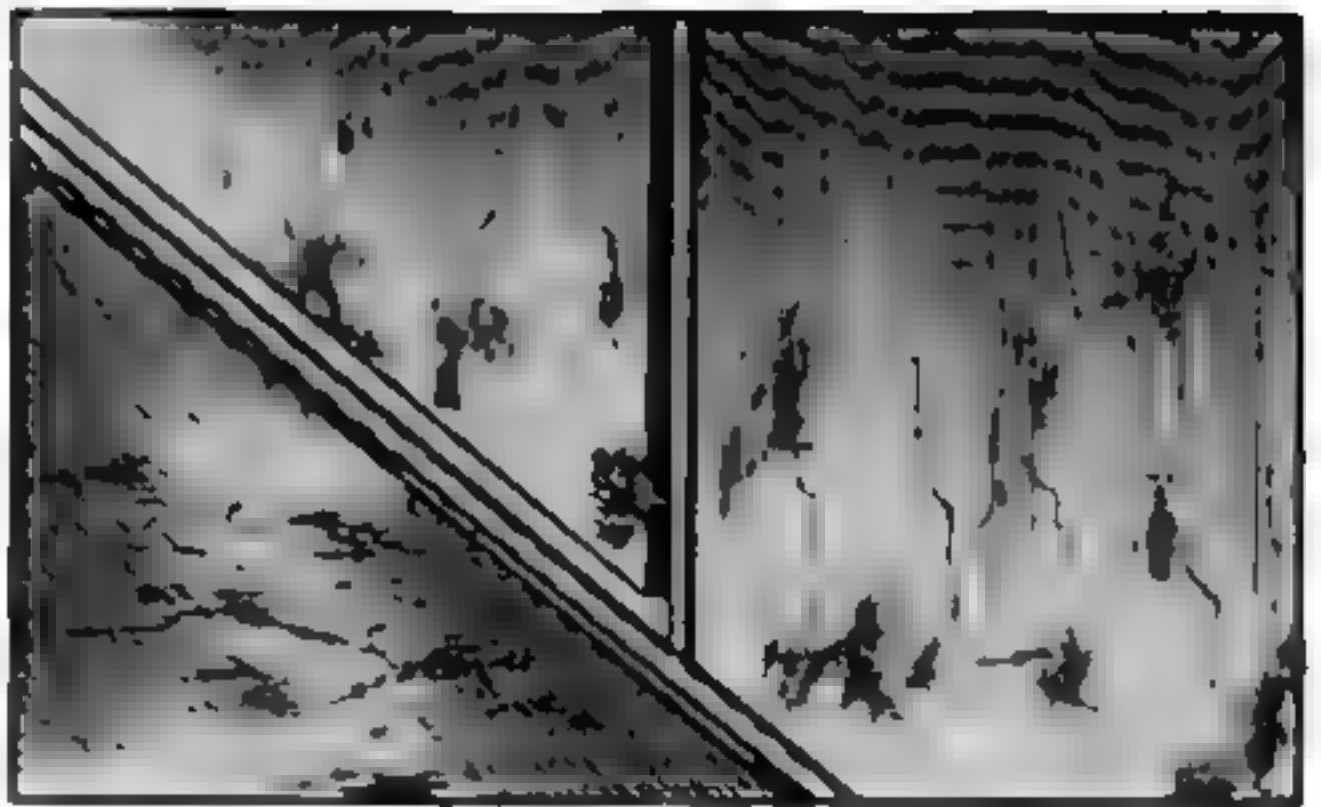
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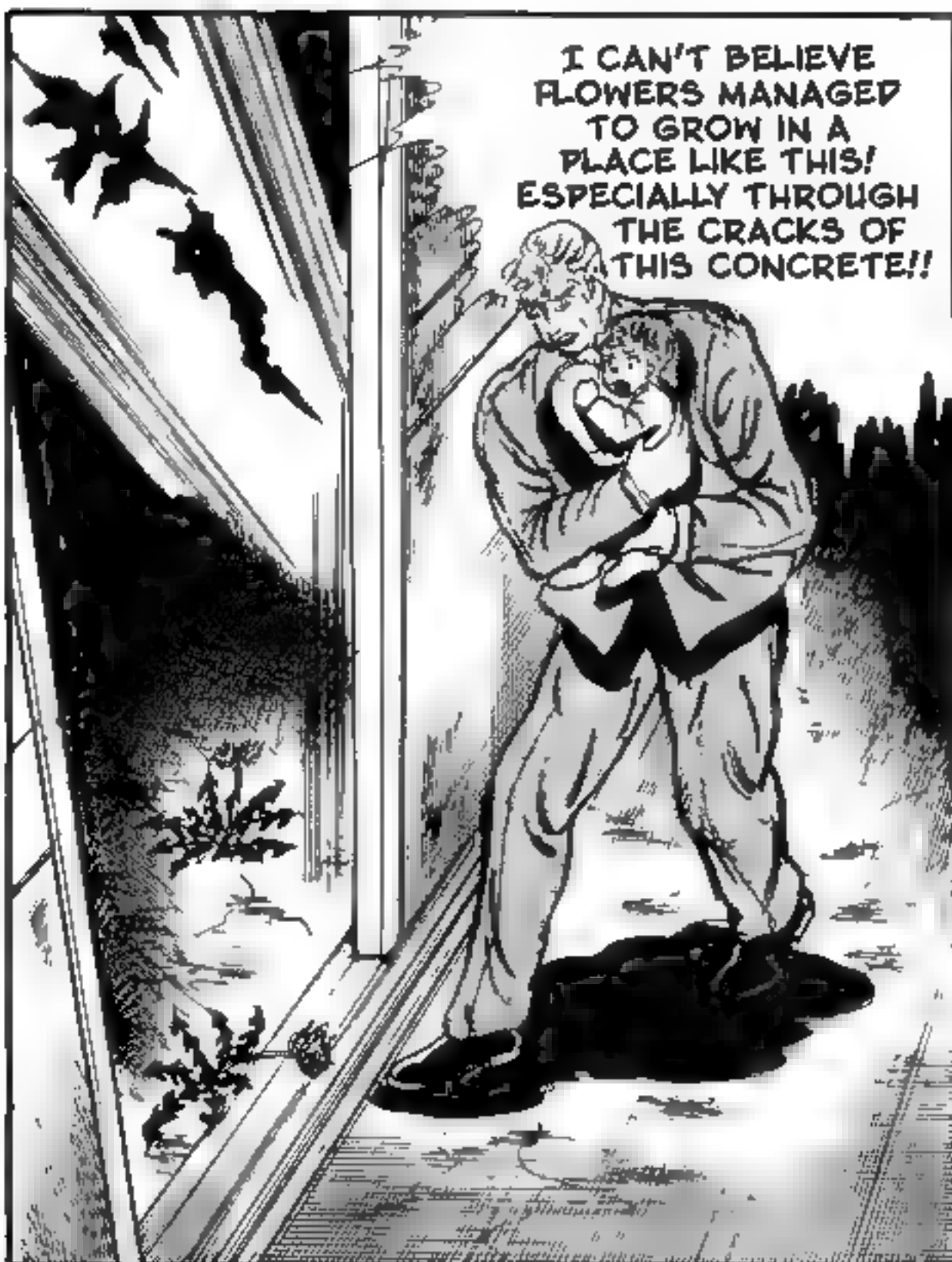




AAAAAAAAA
!!



MAYBE
THERE ARE
MORE
BLOOMING
DEEPER
INSIDE!!



I CAN'T BELIEVE
FLOWERS MANAGED
TO GROW IN A
PLACE LIKE THIS!
ESPECIALLY THROUGH
THE CRACKS OF
THIS CONCRETE!!

SFX: CREAK.

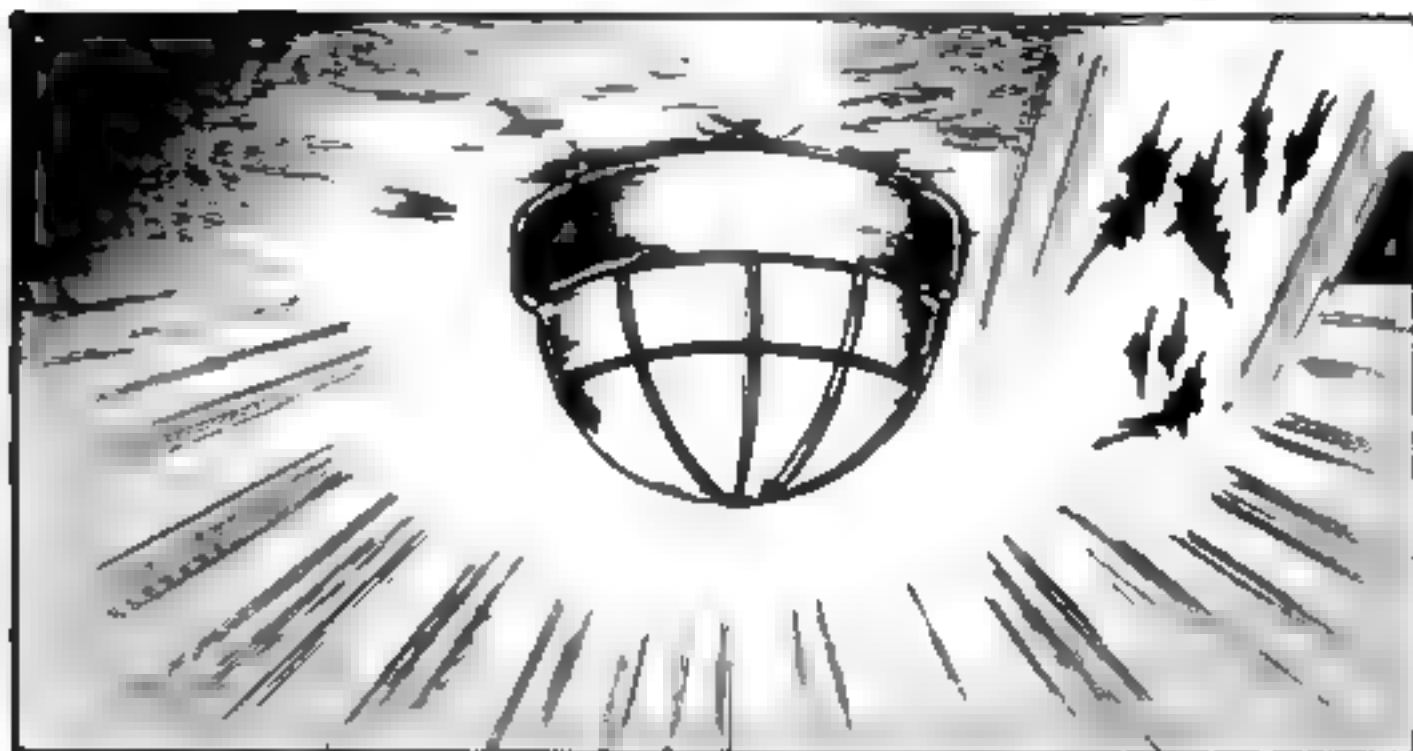


SFX: SMASH.

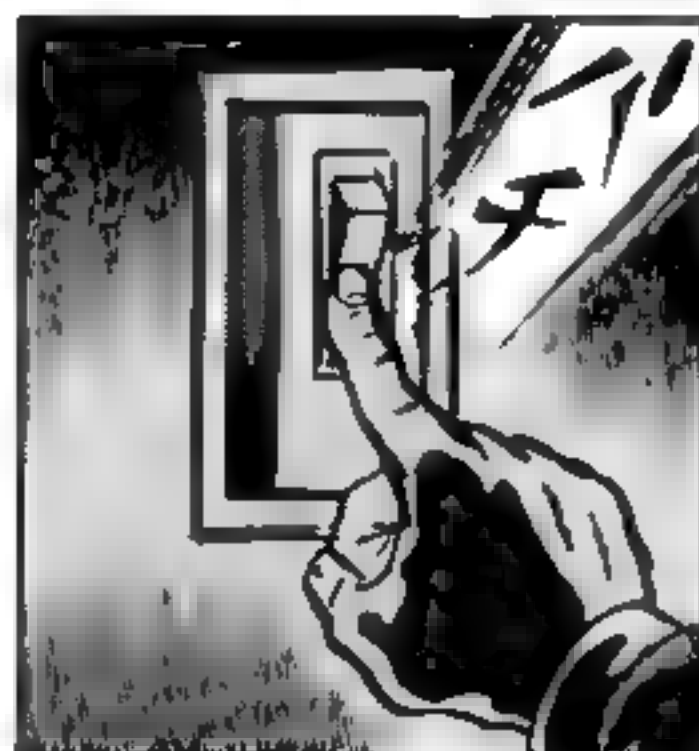


IT'S
SO DARK,
I CAN'T
SEE ANY-
THING!!





SFX: BAH.



SFX: CLICK.





SFX: KEKEKEKE.



SFX: KEKEKEKE

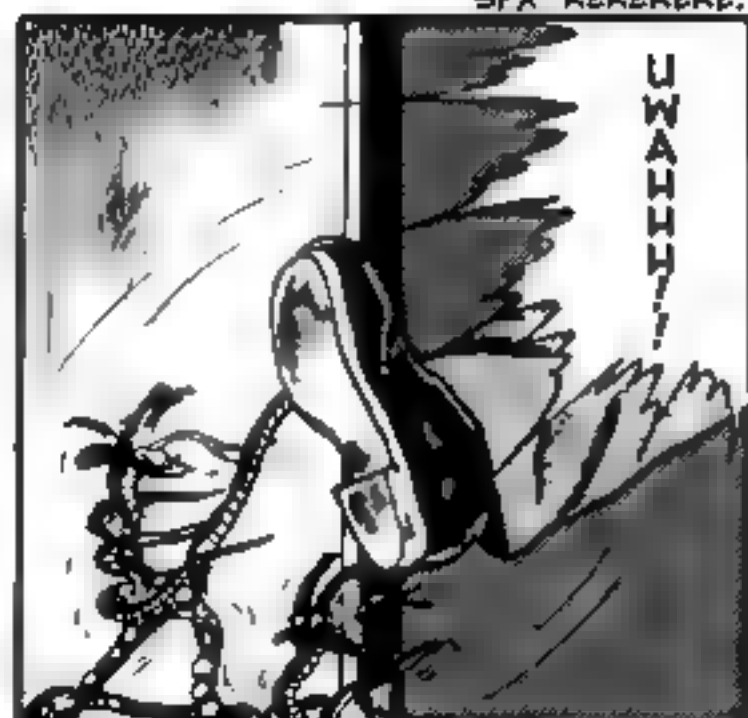


SFX: KEKEKEKE.



THESE
MUST BE
TEST
SUBJECTS
THAT
ESCAPED
FROM
THE LAB!!

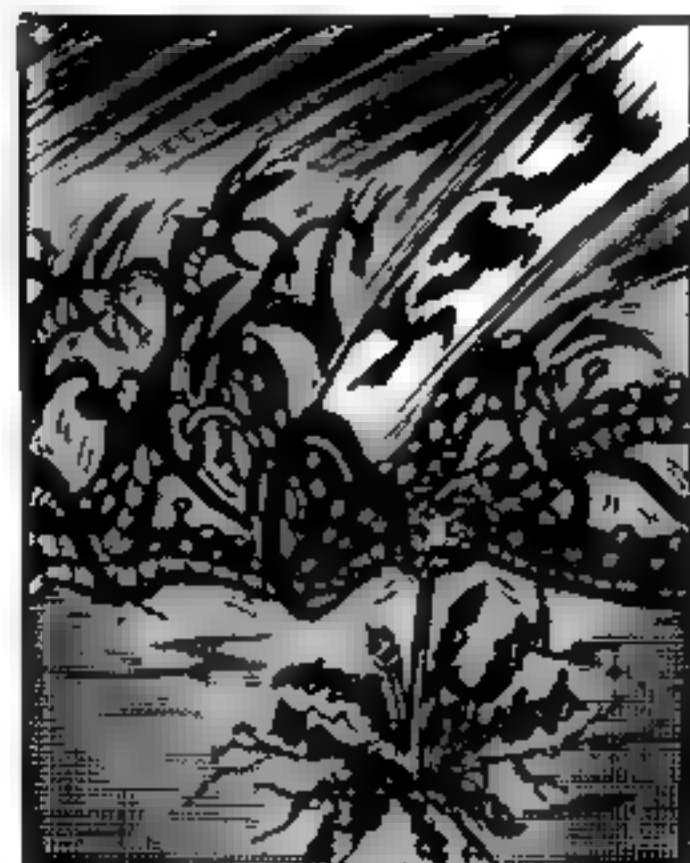
SFX: KIKI KIKI.



UWAHHH!!



SFX: RIP RIP.



SFX: KEKEKE KEKEKE.



SFX CLANG



KYAAA-
AAHH!!

SFX RIP RIP



SFX SHUOOOOO



SFX SHOOOP



HAA,
HAA
!!



GYAA-
AAHHH
!!

SFX. JUMBLIN

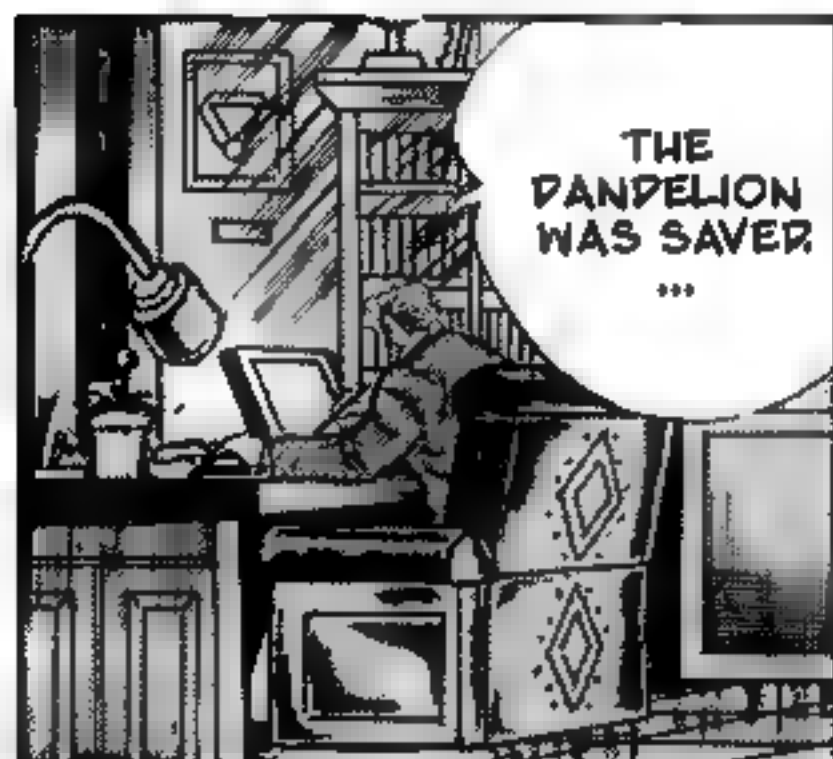


AHHH !!

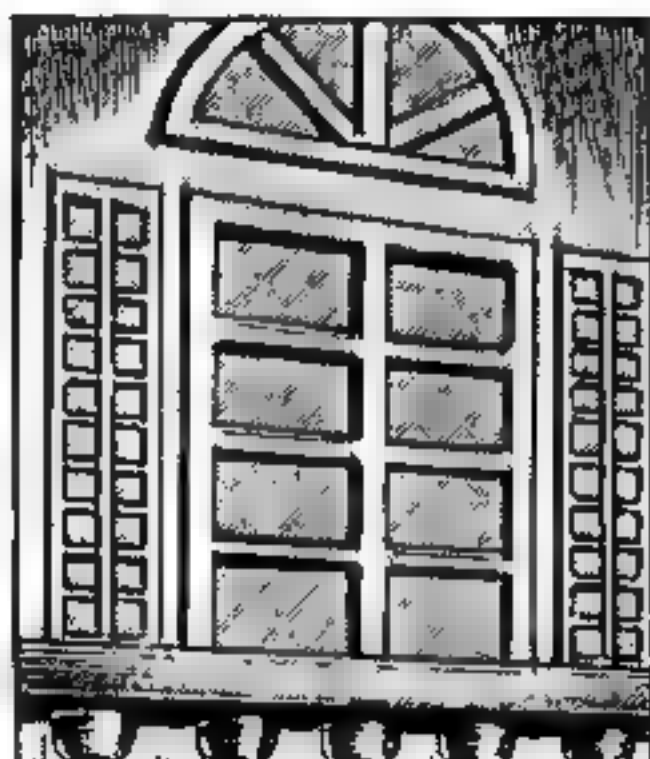


LOOK,
WE SAVED
THE DAN-
DELION!!

PHEW !!



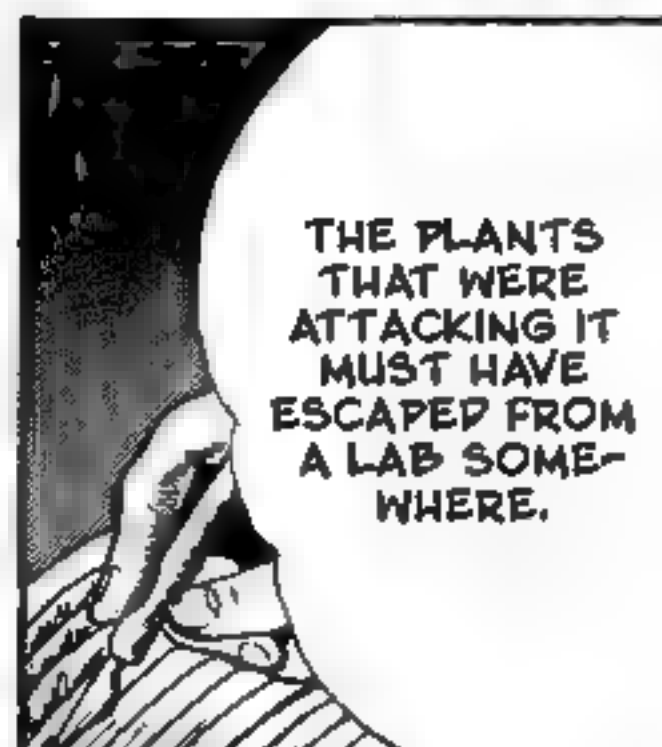
THE
DANDELION
WAS SAVED
...



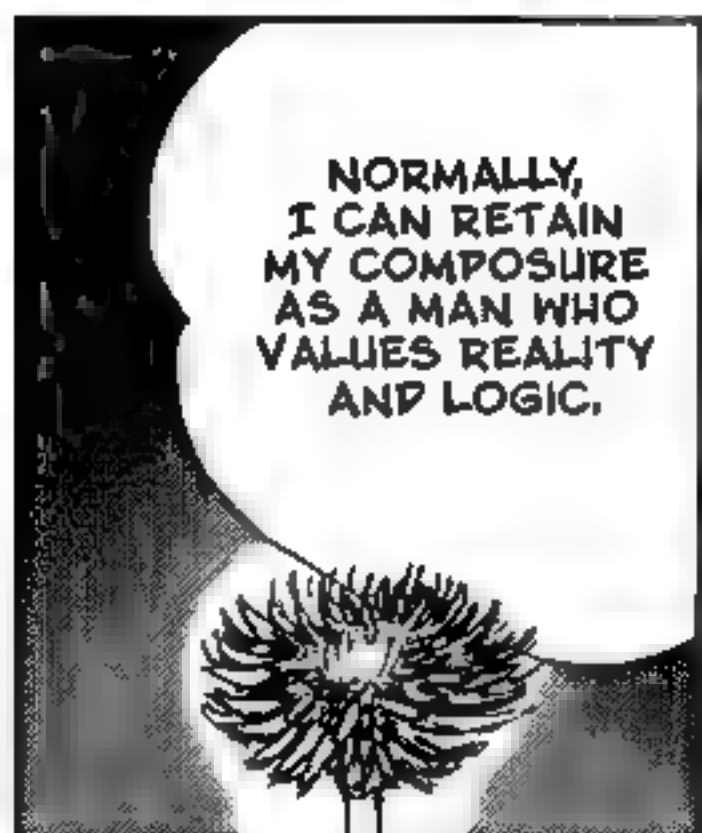
IS THIS TO SAY
THAT BOBBY HEARD
THE SCREAM OF THE
FLOWER AND THEN
TOLD AMERICA
ABOUT IT?



BUT HOW
DID AMERICA
KNOW ABOUT
WHAT WAS
GOING ON
DOWN THERE?



THE PLANTS
THAT WERE
ATTACKING IT
MUST HAVE
ESCAPED FROM
A LAB SOME-
WHERE.



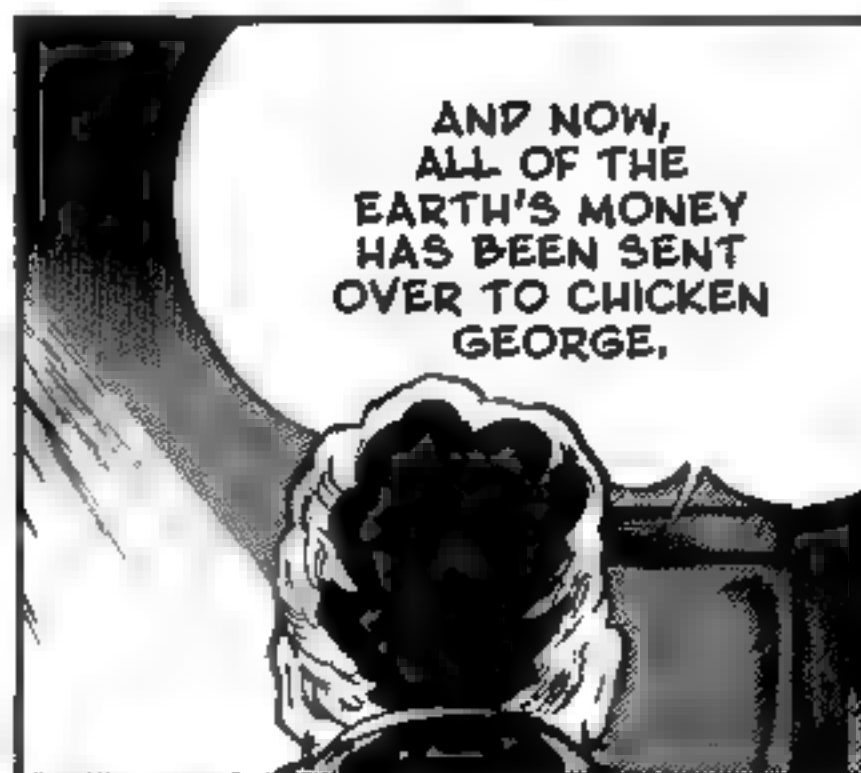
NORMALLY,
I CAN RETAIN
MY COMPOSURE
AS A MAN WHO
VALUES REALITY
AND LOGIC.

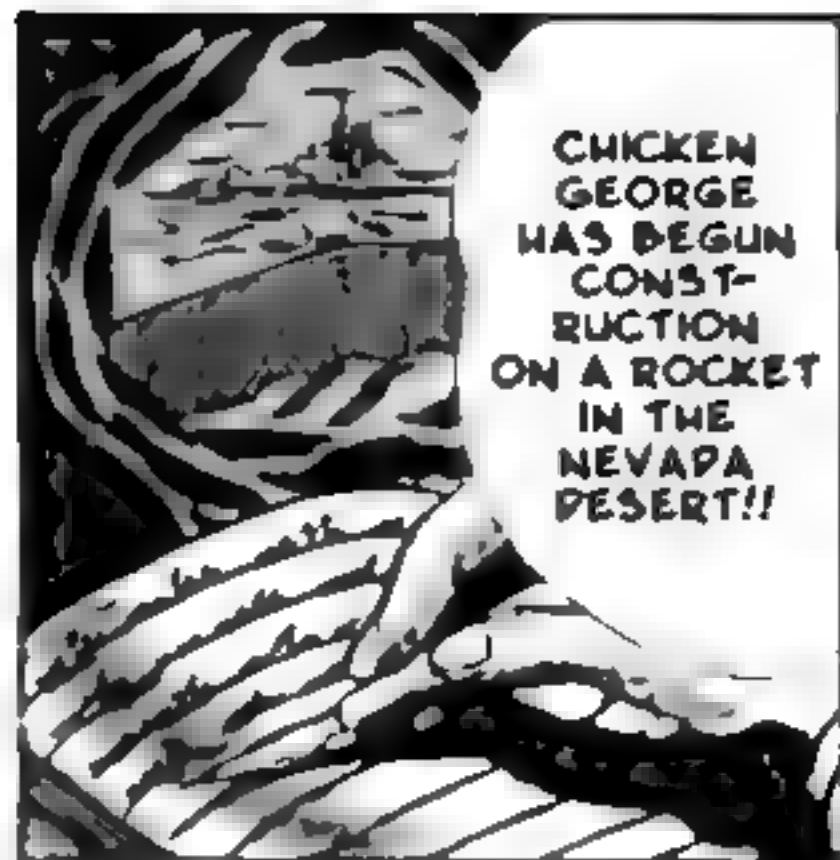
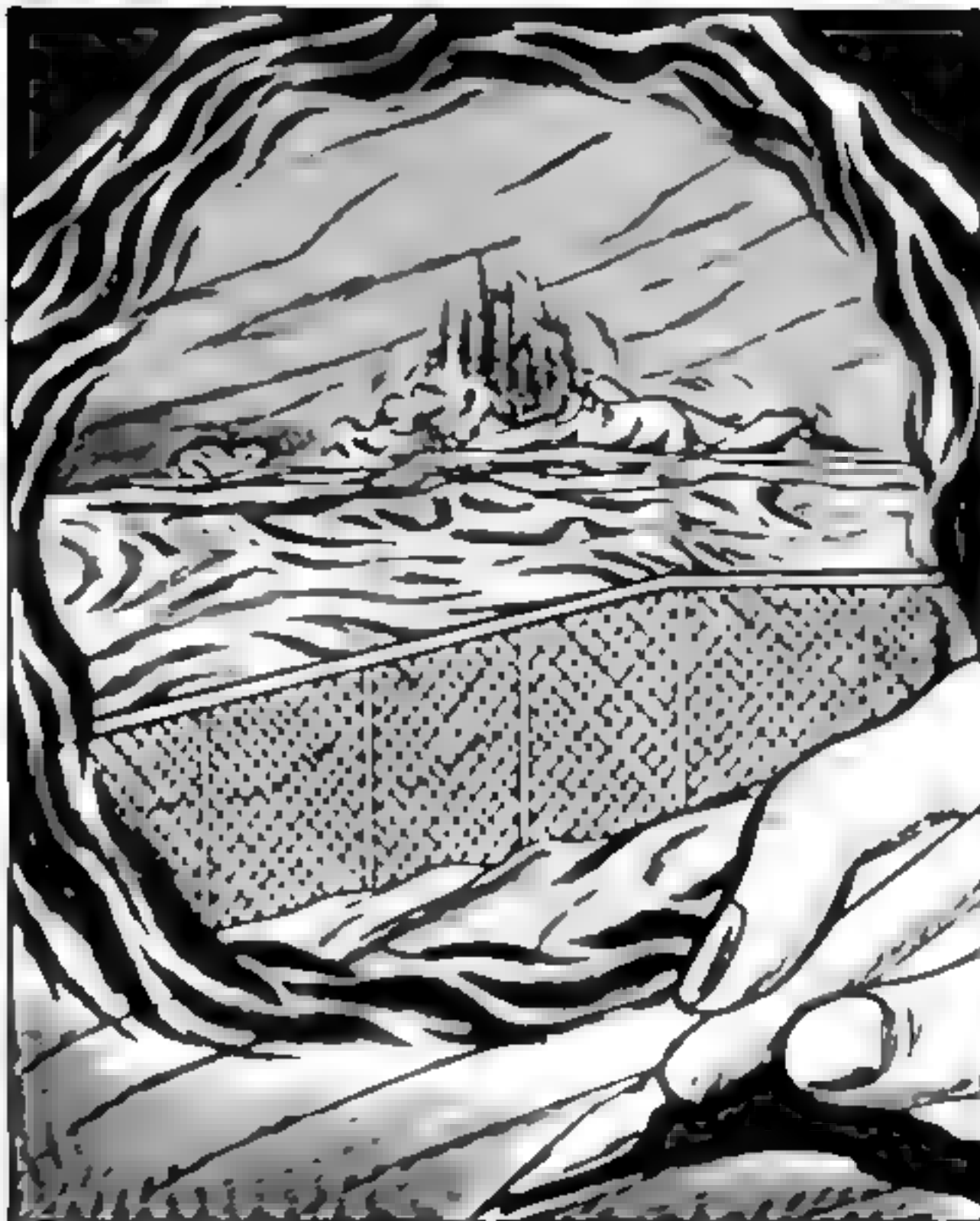


RIGHT
NOW,
I HAVE
THE DAN-
DELION
PLANTED
IN A
VASE IN
FRONT
OF ME.

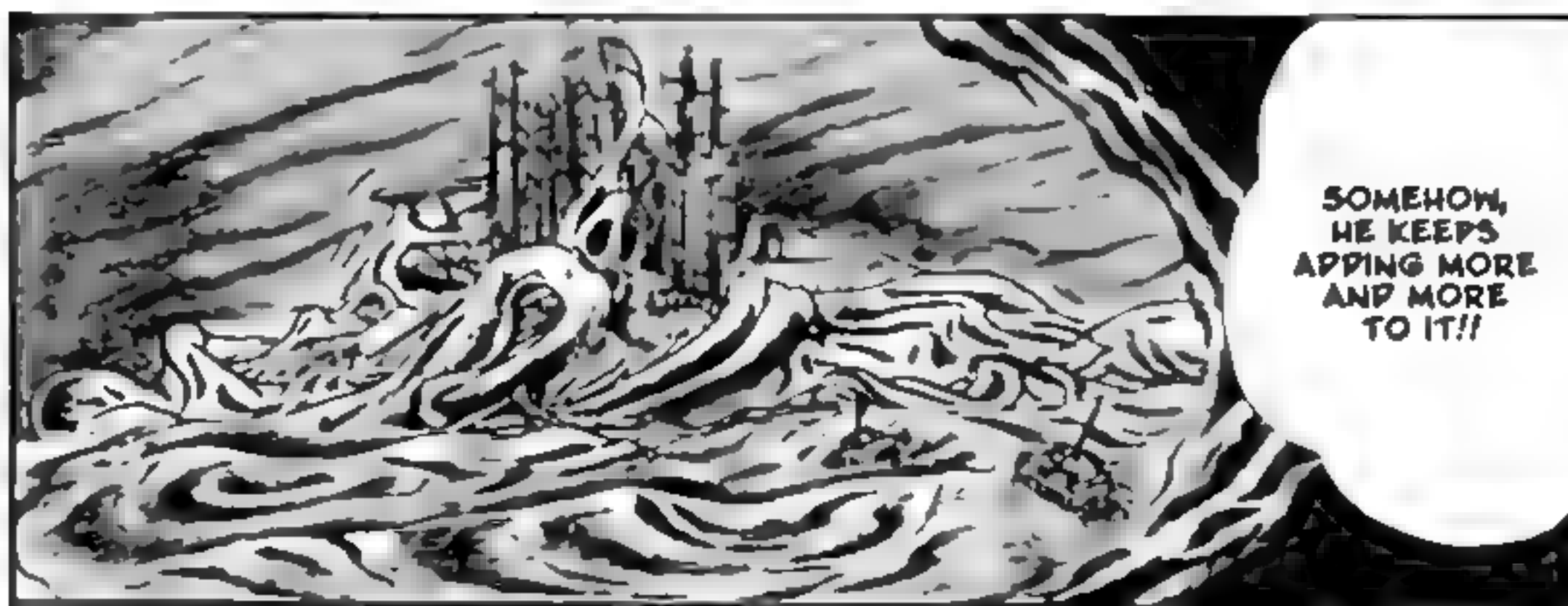
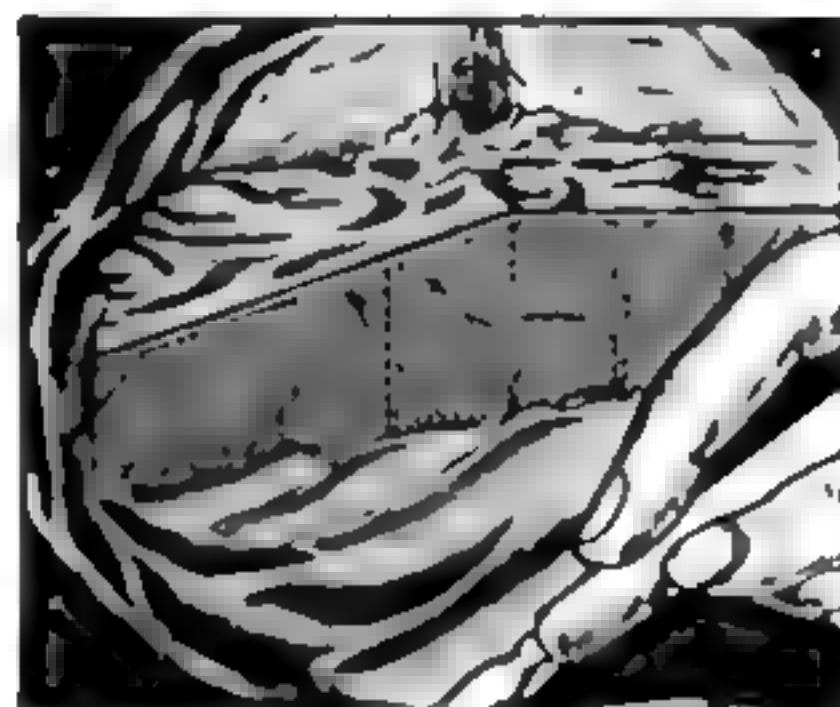


THAT
COULDN'T
POSSIBLY
BE.





CHICKEN
GEORGE
HAS BEGUN
CONSTRUCTION
ON A ROCKET
IN THE
NEVADA
DESERT!!



SOMEHOW,
HE KEEPS
ADDING MORE
AND MORE
TO IT!!



HE MUST BE
CONTROLLING
IT ALL FROM
SOMEWHERE
ELSE!!



BUT
CHICKEN
GEORGE IS
NOWHERE
TO BE
SEEN!!





FORGIVE ME!!

SFX: RIP.



**I STARTED
WRITING
DOWN MY
OWN
WORRIES!!**

SFX: CRUMBLE



**FROM NOW ON,
I HAVE TO
WRITE DOWN
ONLY THAT
WHICH CONCERNS
AMERICA!!**



SFX: TOSS.



**AND IF
POSSIBLE,
HAPPY
MEMORIES
FILLED WITH
HOPE...**



IT HAS BEEN
ONE YEAR SINCE
THE PANDELION
INCIDENT,
AND AMERICA
IS NOW TWO
YEARS OLD.



AS HIS FATHER,
I HAVE NO CRITICISMS
TO MAKE ABOUT
HIS GROWTH THIS FAR.
THERE IS STILL
JUST ONE THING
THAT BOTHERS ME.



AMERICA'S MIND
HAS MATURED,
AND HE'S BECOME
A SURPRISINGLY
SMART CHILD.



AMERICA HAS
ALSO BEGUN
TO ANNOUNCE
ENVIRONMENTAL
PROBLEMS TO ME!!
I DIDN'T TAKE
THEM SERIOUSLY,
THOUGH.

AND HIS
CONVER-
SATIONS
WITH THE
CACTUS,
BOBBY,
HAVE
INCREASED.



HIS HAIR
IS STILL
GREEN,
LIKE
ALWAYS.

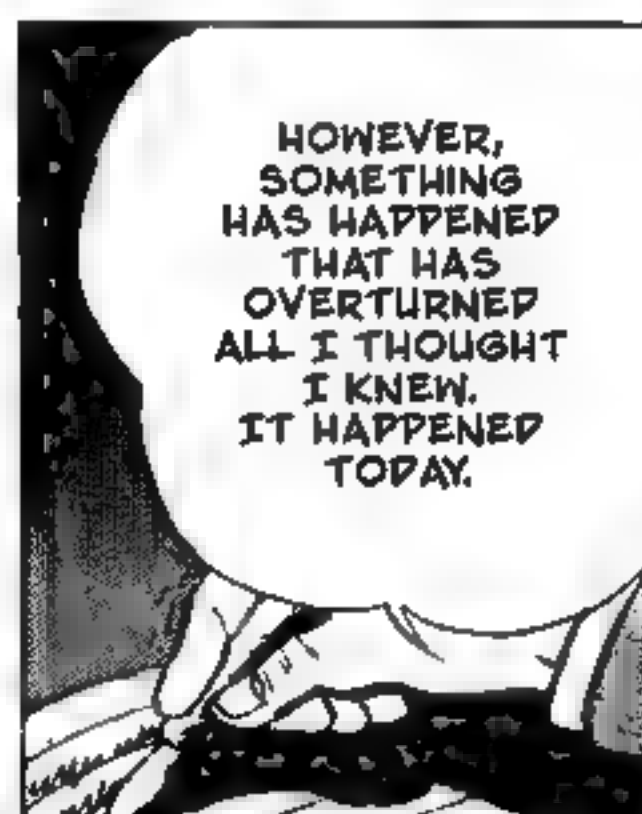
SFX: AAAAAA.



TODAY,
I TOOK MY
FAMILY ON A
PICNIC FOR
ONCE IN A
LONG WHILE.



THE HAND
WITH WHICH
I HOLD THIS
PEN IS STILL
SHAKING.



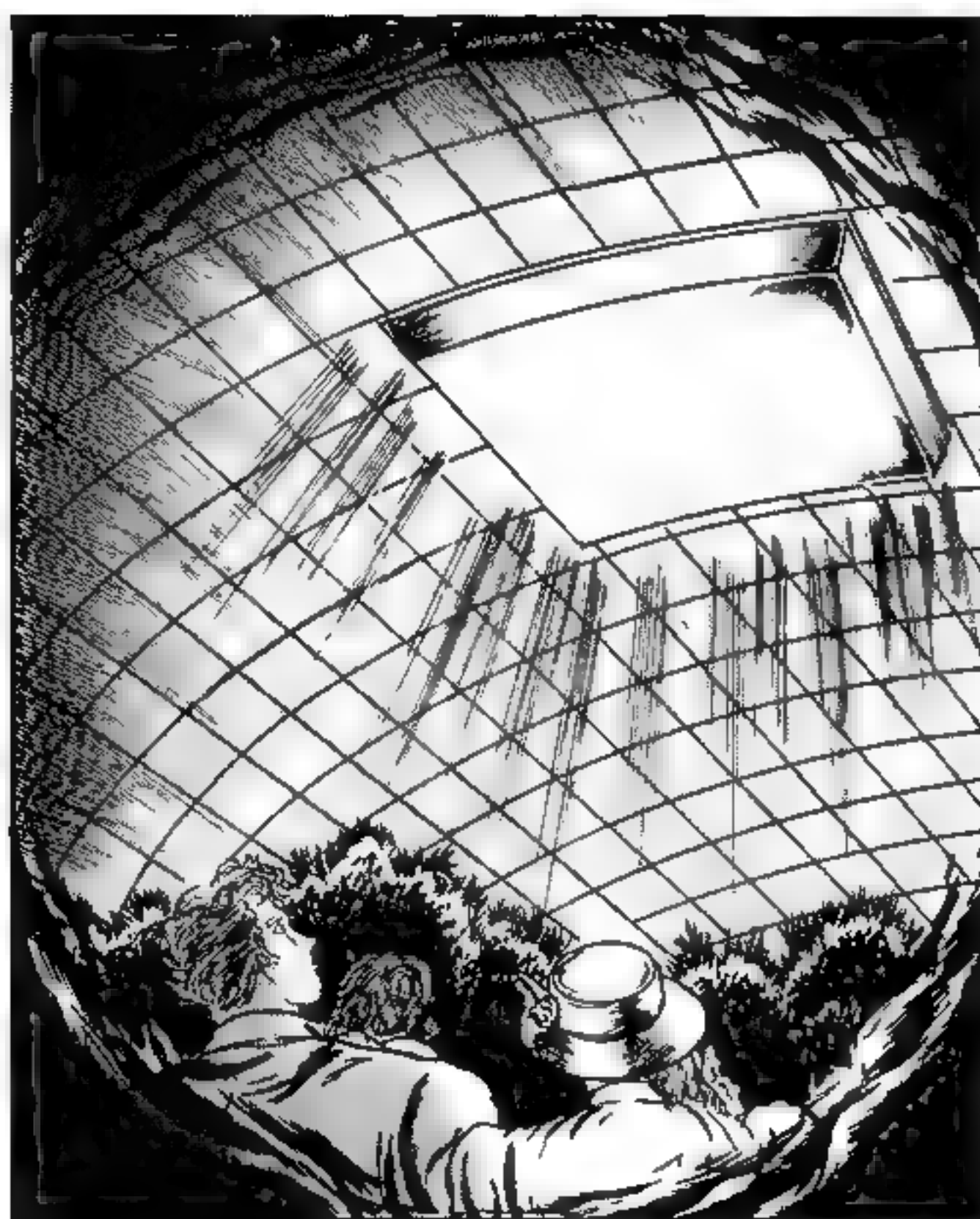
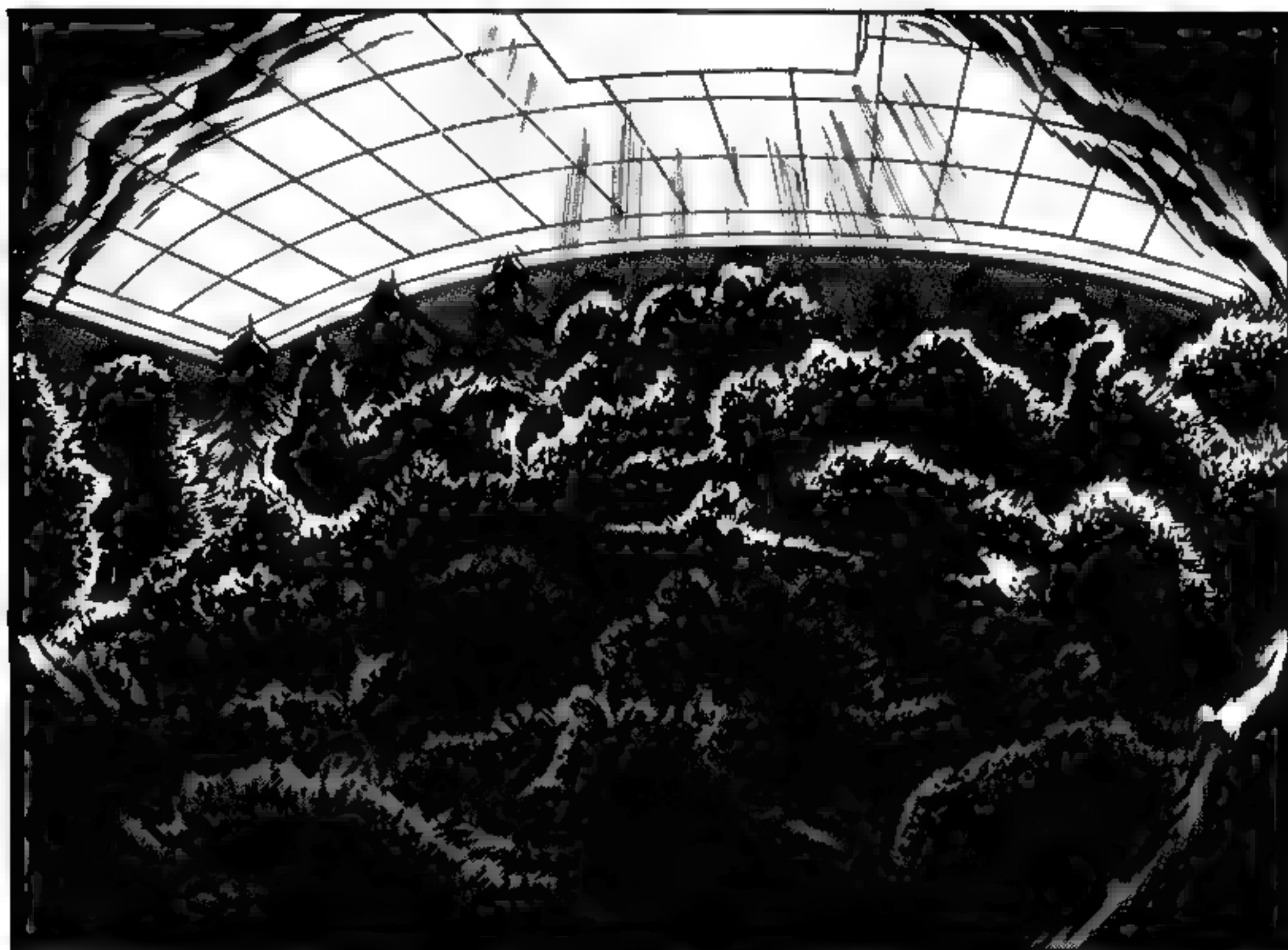
HOWEVER,
SOMETHING
HAS HAPPENED
THAT HAS
OVERTURNED
ALL I THOUGHT
I KNEW.
IT HAPPENED
TODAY.



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AND THIS
WAS A MAN-
MADE FOREST,
AFTER ALL,
SO THERE
WAS NOTHING
TO BE AFRAID
OF



I HAD NEVER
SEEN OR HEARD
OF THESE BLACK
CLOUDS OR
BLACK RAIN THAT
AMERICA
WAS AFRAID OF



...MAKING IT
A CARBON
COPY OF
ACTUAL
NATURE.

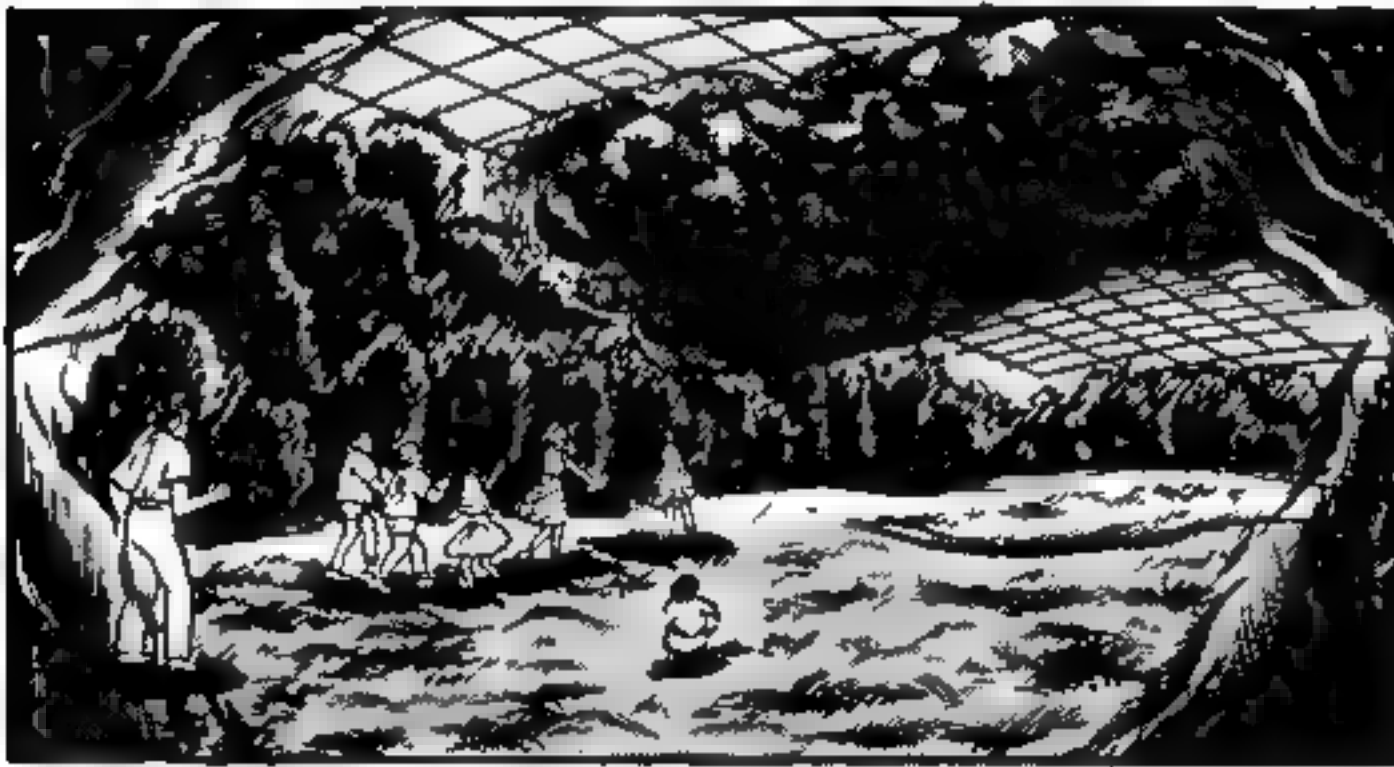


WITHIN
THE
UNDER-
GROUND
FOREST
THERE
WERE
FIELDS,
...



...AND
RIVERS,
...





SFX: ZOOM.



SFX: BOOM.



SFX. JIJIN.



SFX. JIJIN.

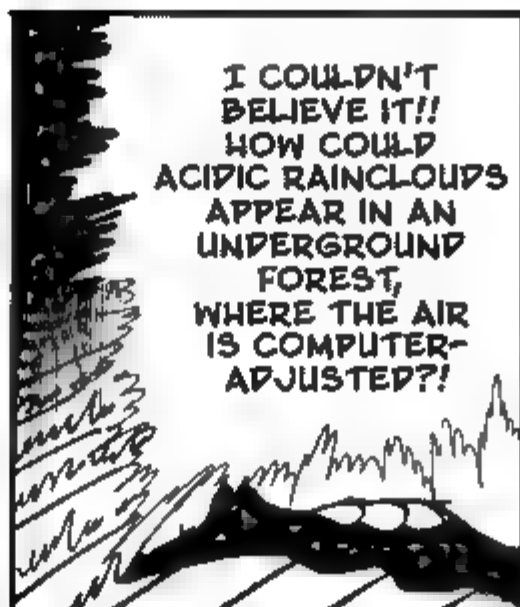




SFX: GYAAAAAAHHHHHHH!!



THE
CLOUDS
ATTACKED
US!!



I COULDN'T
BELIEVE IT!!
HOW COULD
ACIDIC RAINCLOUDS
APPEAR IN AN
UNDERGROUND
FOREST,
WHERE THE AIR
IS COMPUTER-
ADJUSTED?!



THERE WERE
SEVERELY
ACIDIC RAIN-
CLOUDS!!



UWAHHH
!!



SFX: BOOM.

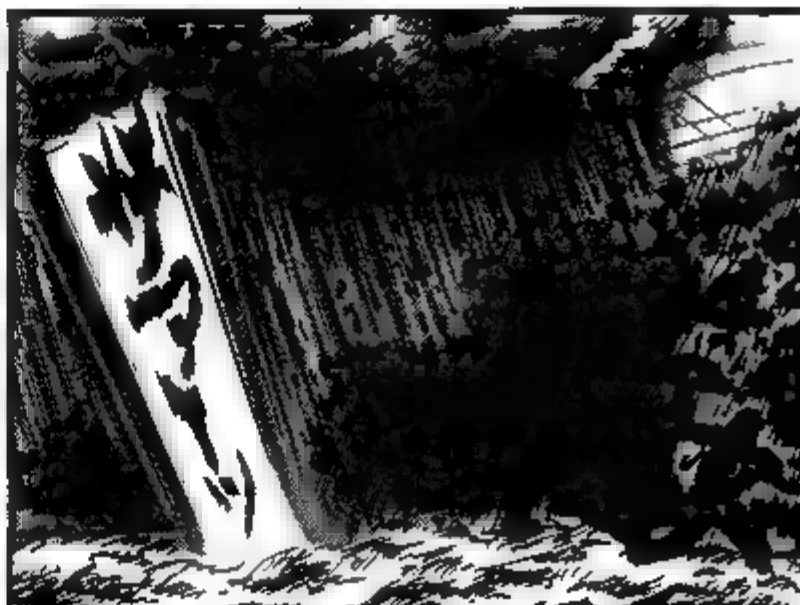


IT WAS
COMPLETELY
UNEXPECTED
!!



AND THEN,
SOME RAIN
GOT IN
AMERICA'S
HAIR!!

SFX: JLUUUN.



SFX: ZAAAAHHH.



SFX: JUJUN.

SFX: JUJUN.



UWAHH
!!



SFX: JUJUN.



FINALLY,
WE MANAGED
TO ESCAPE
THE RAIN!!





...AND THEN
SUDDENLY
DISAP-
PEARED!



IT
CONTINUED
TO MELT
DOWN THE
TREES,
...

SFX: CRACK CRACK.



NO
MATTER
HOW MUCH
I THINK,
THIS
SCENARIO
SEEMS
IMPOSSIBLE
!!



SFX: HAA HAA.



SFX: HAA HAA.



AND FROM
THAT
MOMENT ON,
I BECAME
ABLE TO
FORGIVE
AMERICA'S
GREEN
HAIR!!



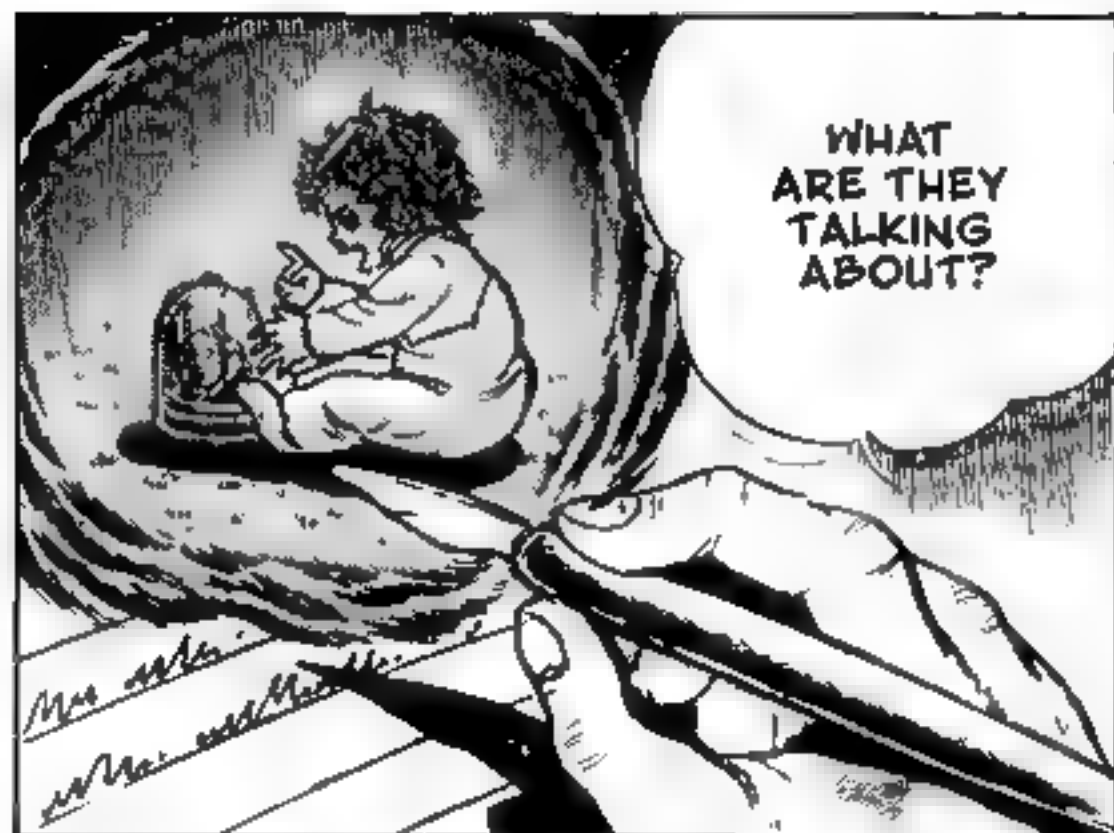
I'M GLAD
AMERICA'S
HAIR WAS
ONLY
SINGED
A LITTLE
BIT!



FROM
THAT DAY
FORWARD,
I EMBRACED
AMERICA
WHOLLY AS
MY SON!!



NO,
IT WASN'T JUST
FORGIVENESS:
I BECAME ABLE
TO LOVE EVERY
ASPECT ABOUT
AMERICA!!



WHAT
ARE THEY
TALKING
ABOUT?



THEN
AMERICA'S
CONVER-
SATIONS
WITH BOBBY
BEGAN
HAPPENING
EVEN MORE
OFTEN!!



HELP
THE
EARTH
!!

HELP THE SEA!!
HELP THE SKY!!



THEN
AMERICA
STARTED
COMPLAINING
TO ME.



AMERICA ALSO
REALIZED THAT HIS
MESSAGE WASN'T
REACHING ME,
SO HE CRIED IN
THE END



IT'S TRUE THAT
IT SEEMED LIKE
HE WAS TRYING TO
TELL ME SOMETHING
IMPORTANT...



UNFORTU-
NATELY,
I DIDN'T
REALLY
UNDERSTAND
WHAT HE WAS
SAYING.



BUT
UNFORTUNATELY,
WE WEREN'T
ABLE TO
UNDERSTAND
EACH OTHER
THEN.

MY SON
WANTS TO
TELL ME
SOMETHING.



THAT REMINDS ME...
I ALSO CAN'T GET
THE CUTTING DOWN OF
THAT THREE-THOUSAND
YEAR JAPANESE CEDAR
TREE ON THE CANADIAN
BORDER OUT OF
MY MIND.



...SO THE
ONLY ANSWER
SEEMED TO
BE TO CUT
IT DOWN.



ONE DAY,
A REQUEST
TO HAVE IT
CUT DOWN
CAME TO ME.



IT WAS
APPARENTLY
DYING...



I GOT READY
TO SIGN IT.
AND THEN...





SFX: SNAP SNAP.

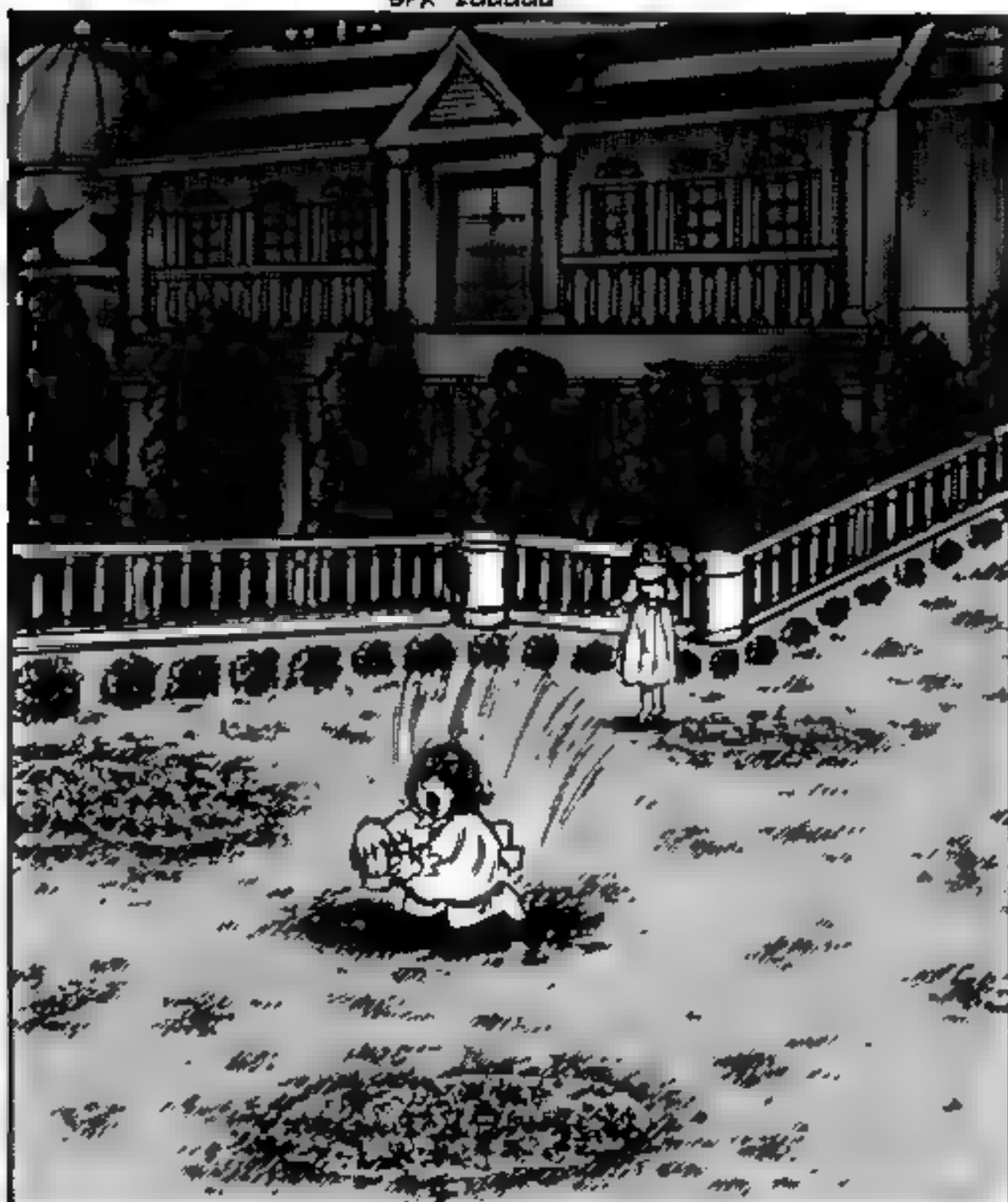


SFX: ZUJUUU

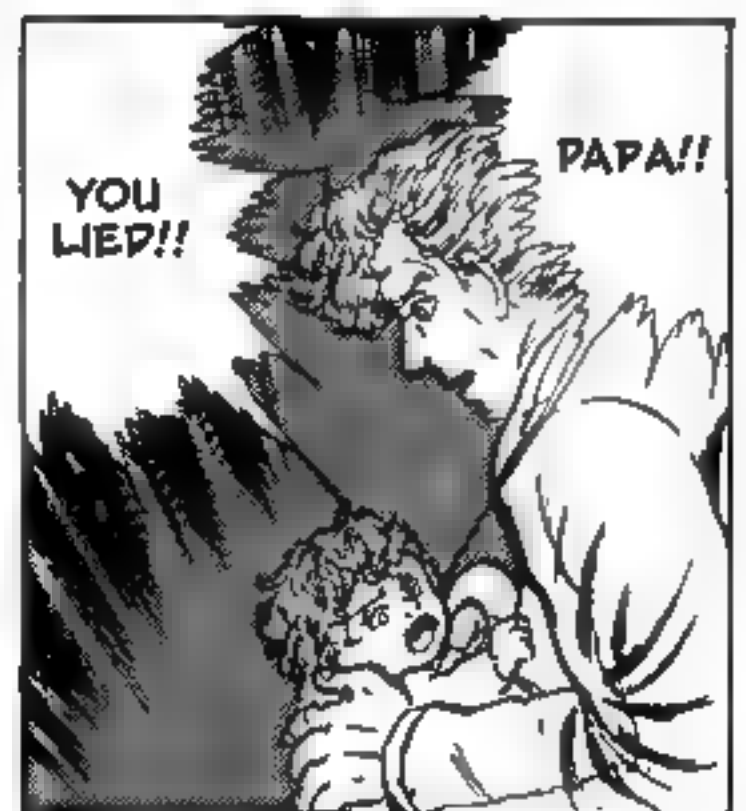
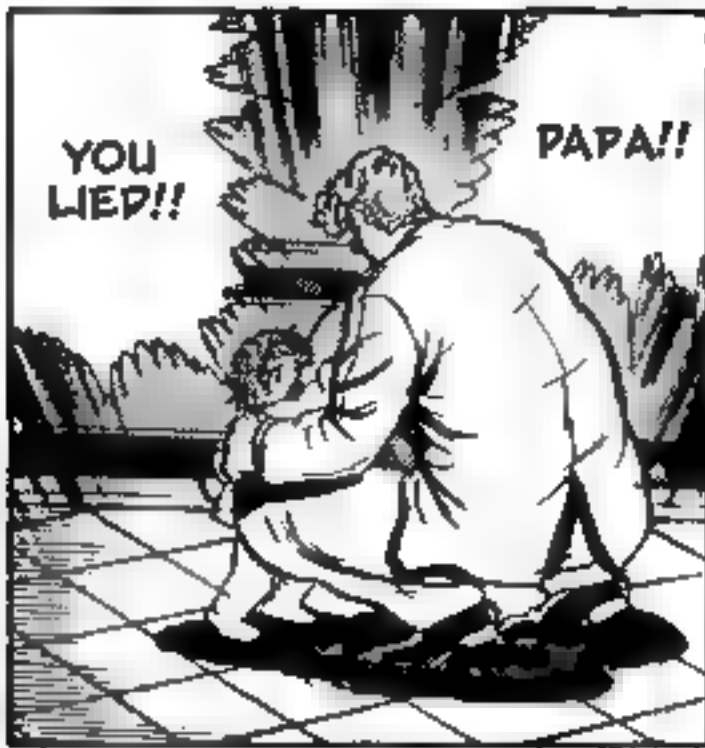
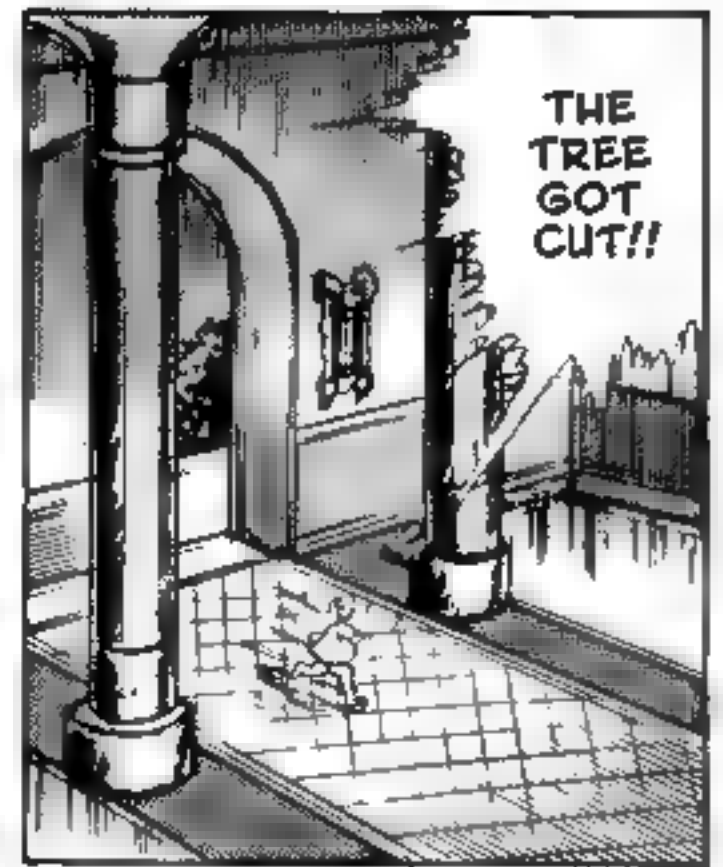
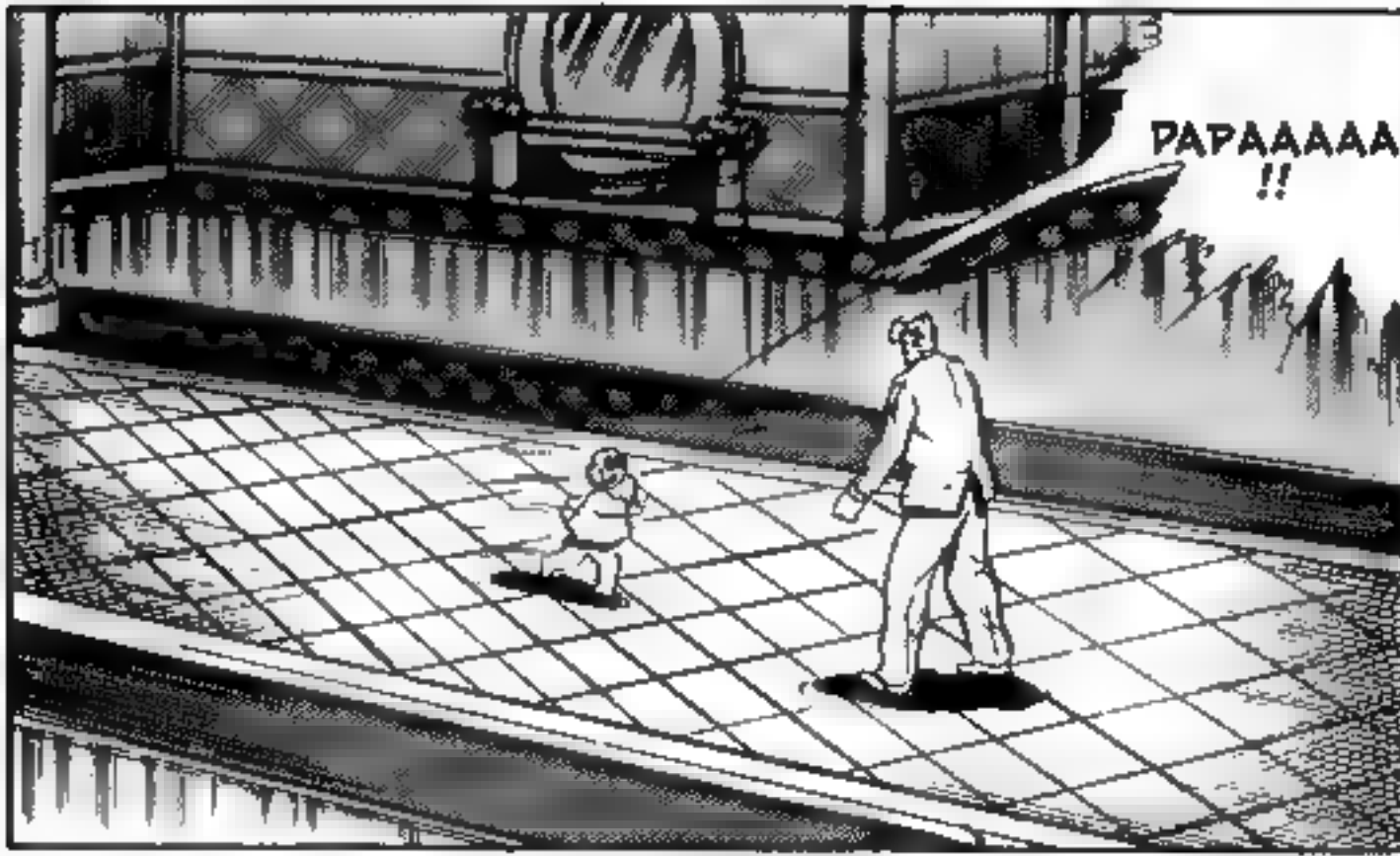


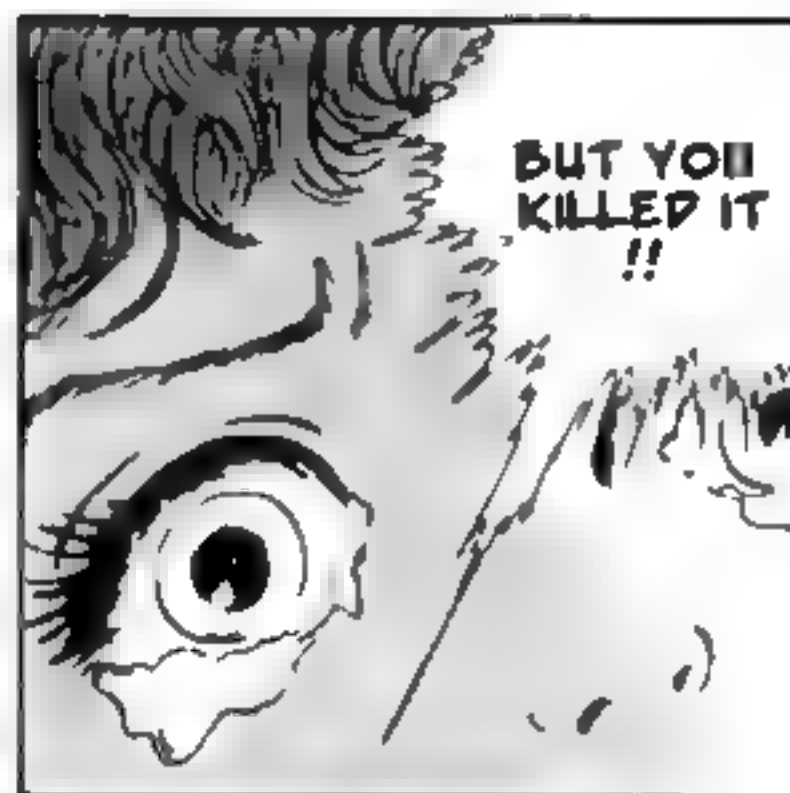
THE
THREE-
THOUSAND
YEAR
JAPANESE
CEDAR TREE
WAS CUT
DOWN.

SFX: GOWHH.



GYAAHH!!





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SFX: CLANG.

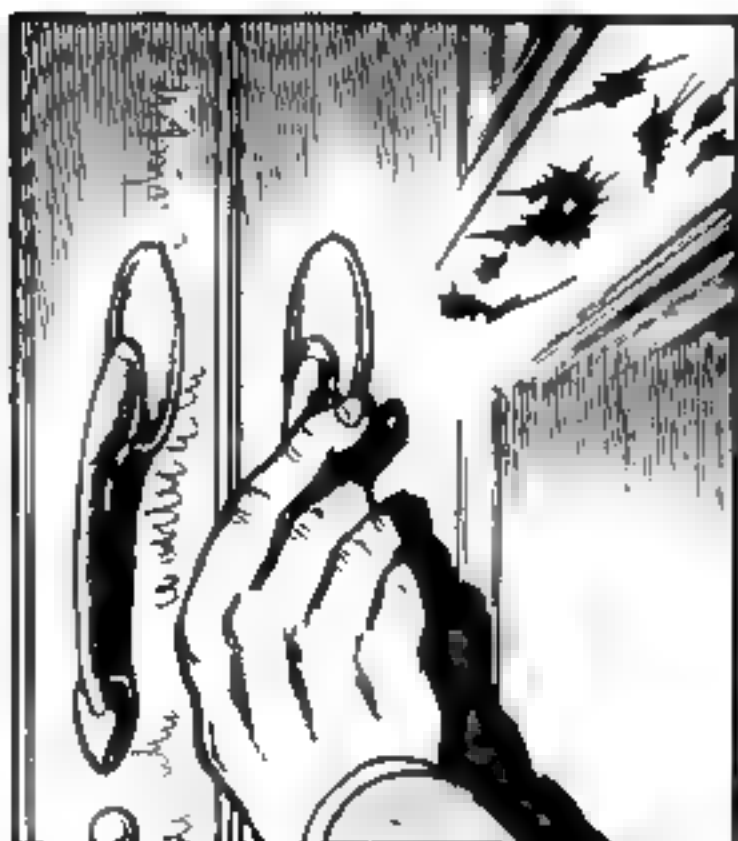


SPK CHAK



SPK CHAK





SFX: SLAM.



OH GOOD,
HE'S SOUND
ASLEEP

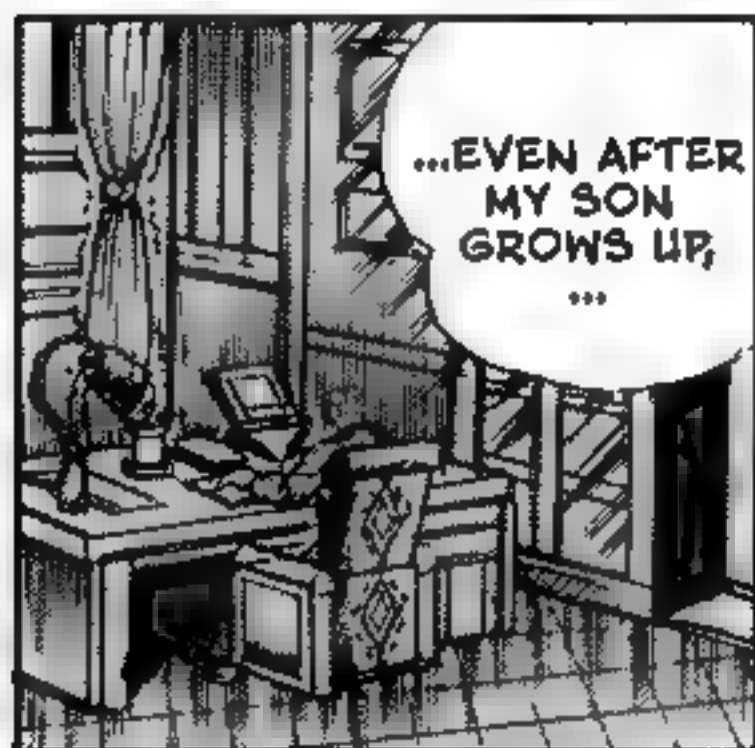


...COMING
IN FROM
ALL OVER
THE EARTH
...

I NEED
TO CHECK
ON ALL THE
DATA...



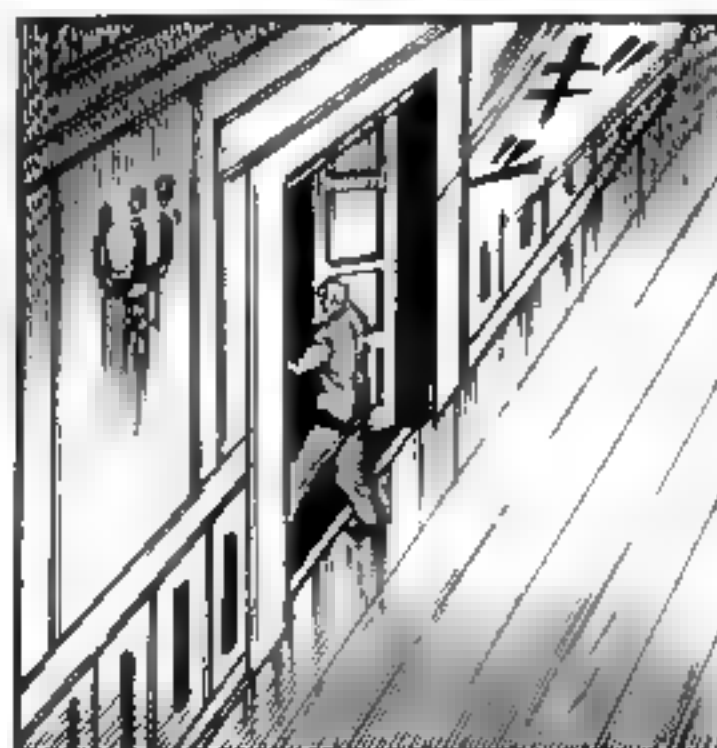
NOW,
TO GET
SOME WORK
DOWN.



...EVEN AFTER
MY SON
GROWS UP,
...



THE
BALANCE
OF THE EARTH
MUST BE
PROTECTED,
...



SFX: CREAK.



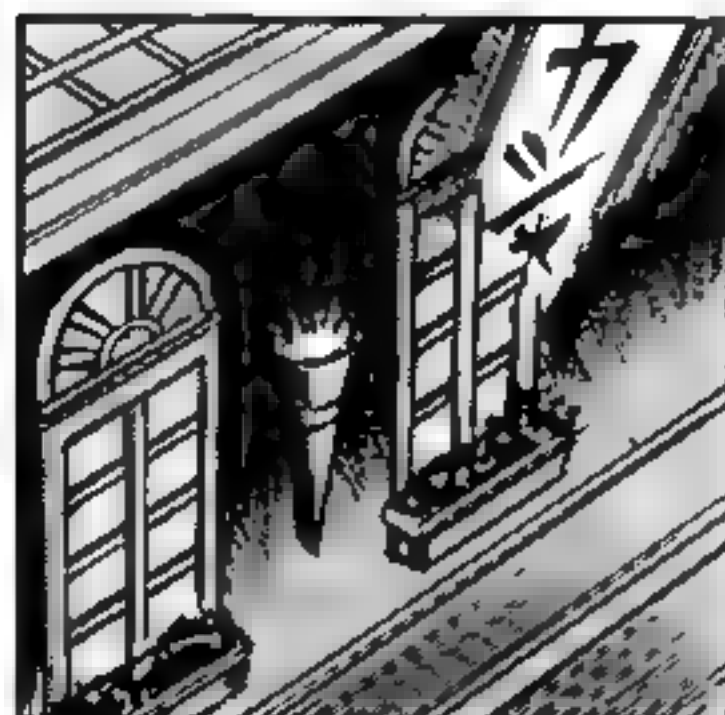
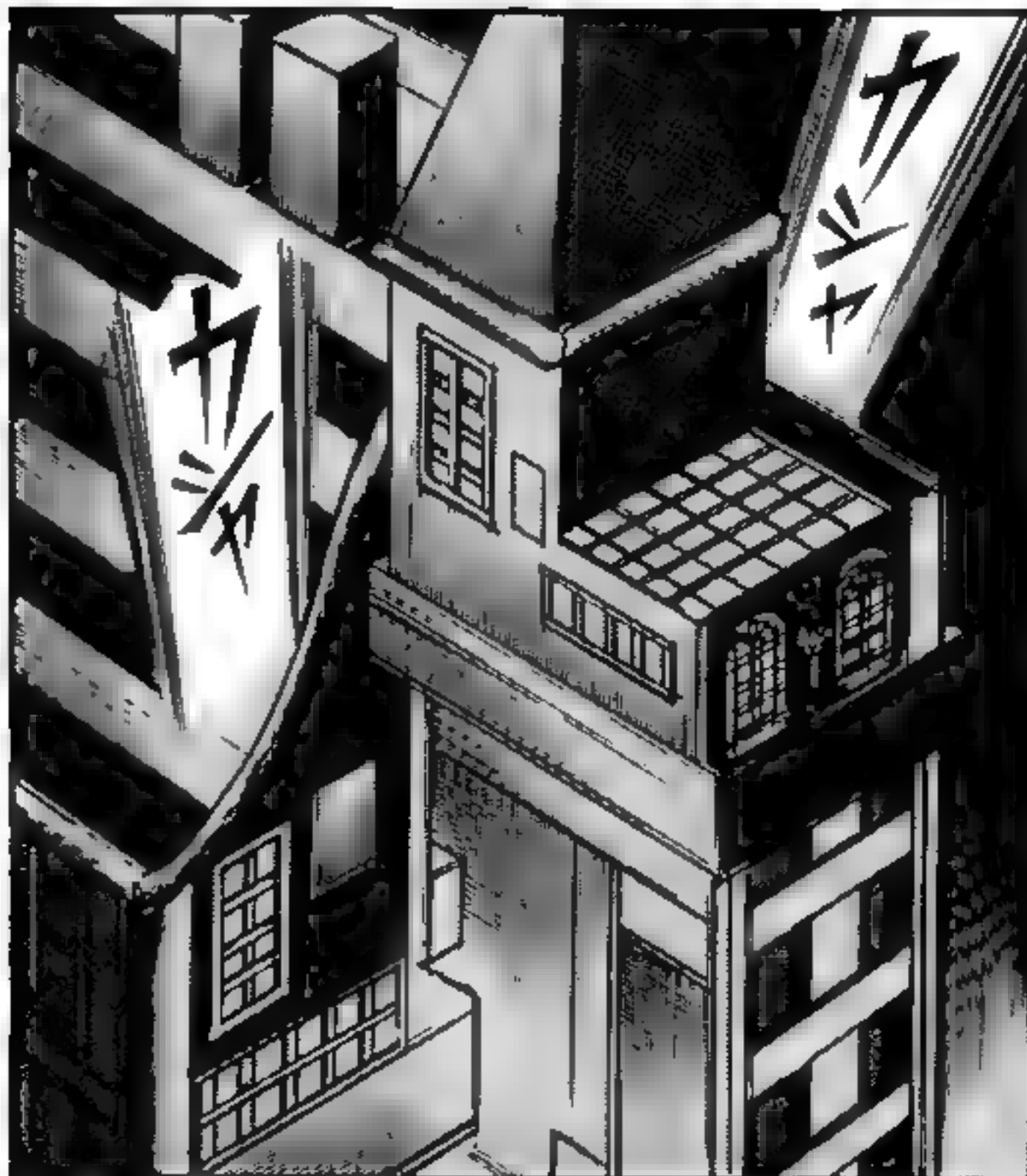
SFX: CLACK CLACK.



ETERNALLY.



...AND EVEN
AFTER HIS
SON GROWS
UP



SFX: CLACK CLACK.



THE BIZARRE HAPPENING IN THE NIGHT

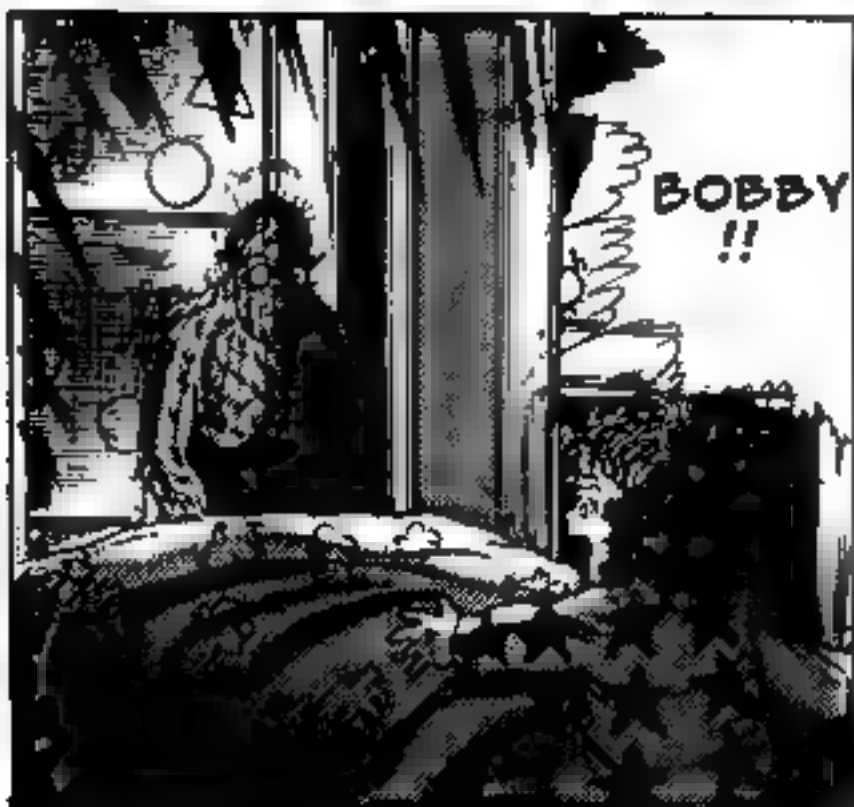
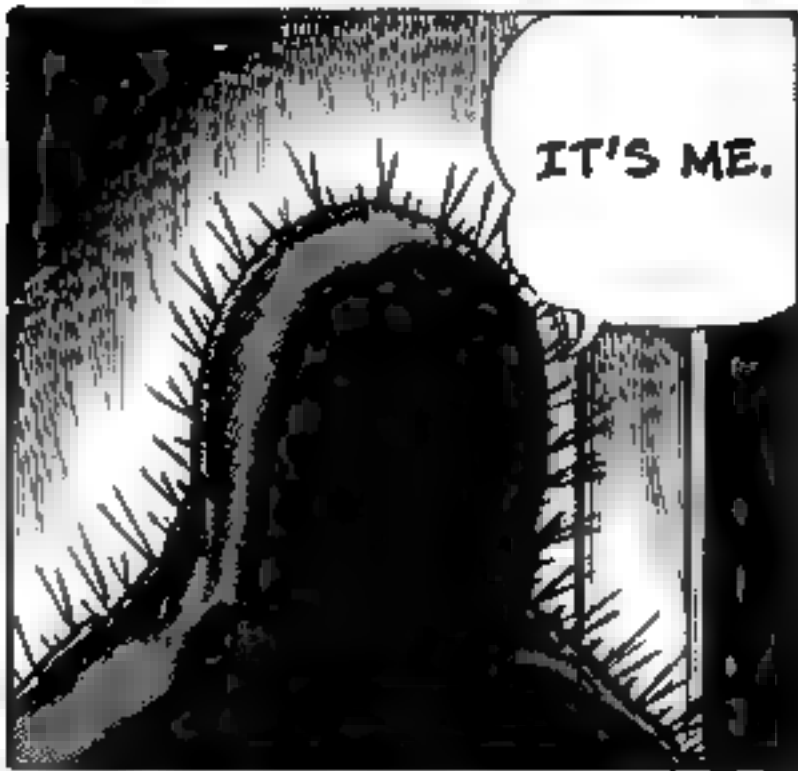


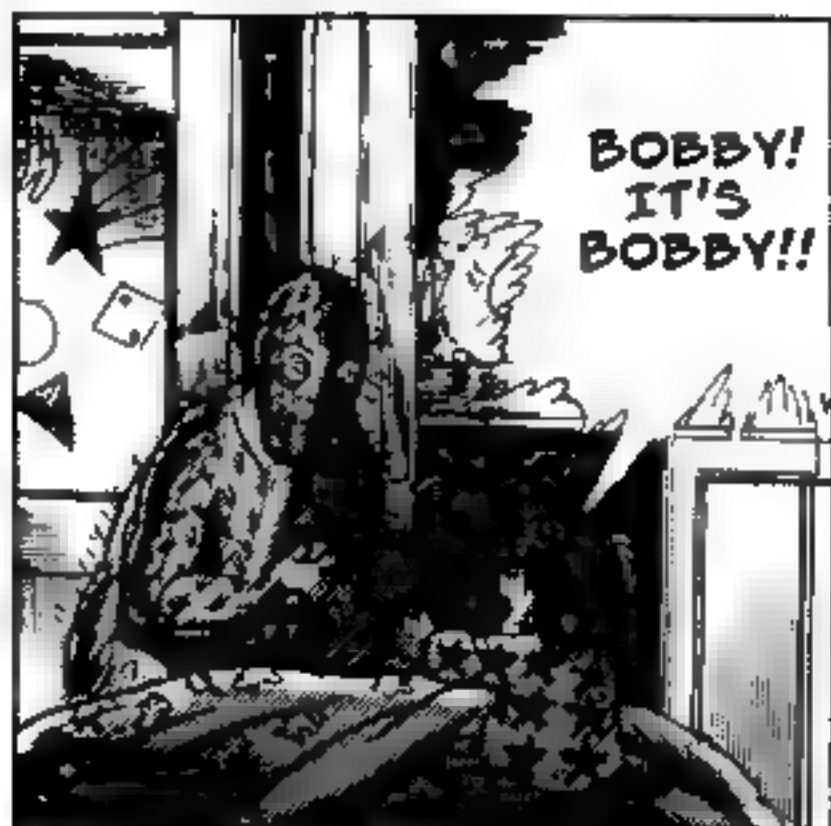
SFX: LULULULUN.



SFX: JOLT.





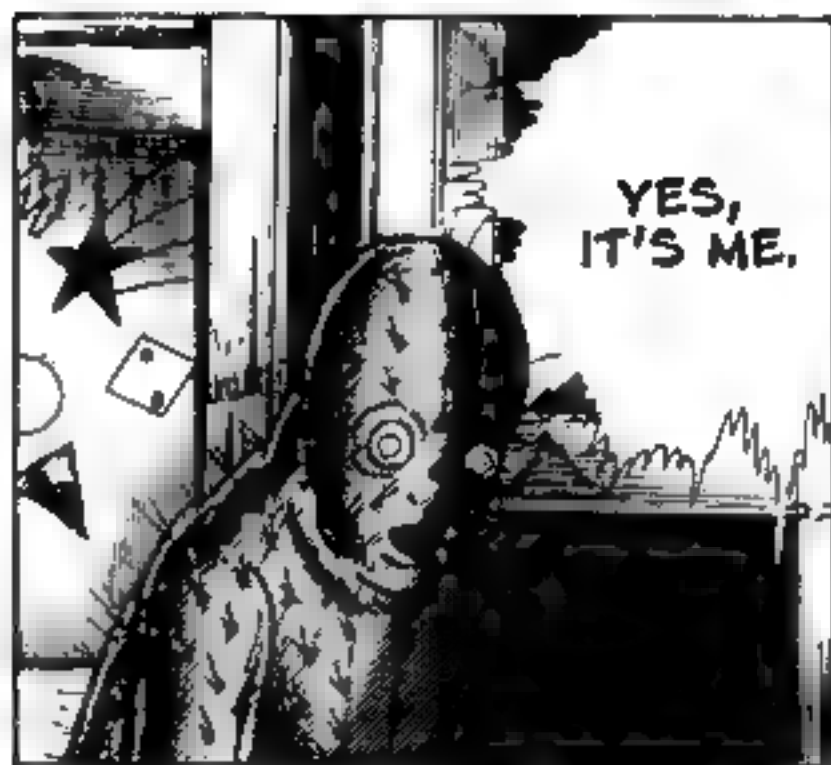


BOBBY!
IT'S
BOBBY!!

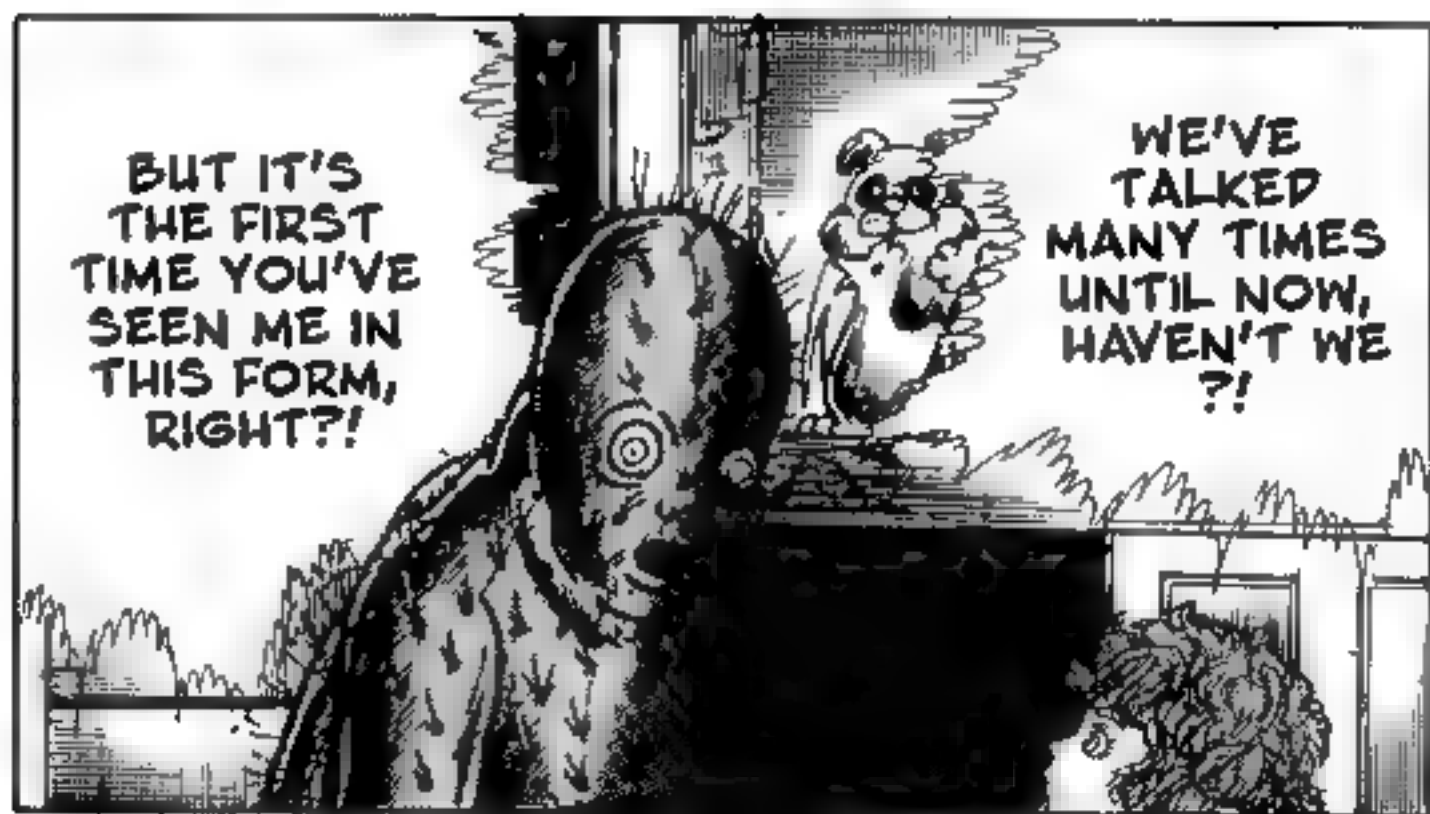


THIS IS
THE FIRST
TIME WE'VE
BEEN ABLE
TO MEET
LIKE THIS,
ISN'T IT?

GOOD
EVENING,
AMERICA.



YES,
IT'S ME.



BUT IT'S
THE FIRST
TIME YOU'VE
SEEN ME IN
THIS FORM,
RIGHT?!

WE'VE
TALKED
MANY TIMES
UNTIL NOW,
HAVEN'T WE
?!



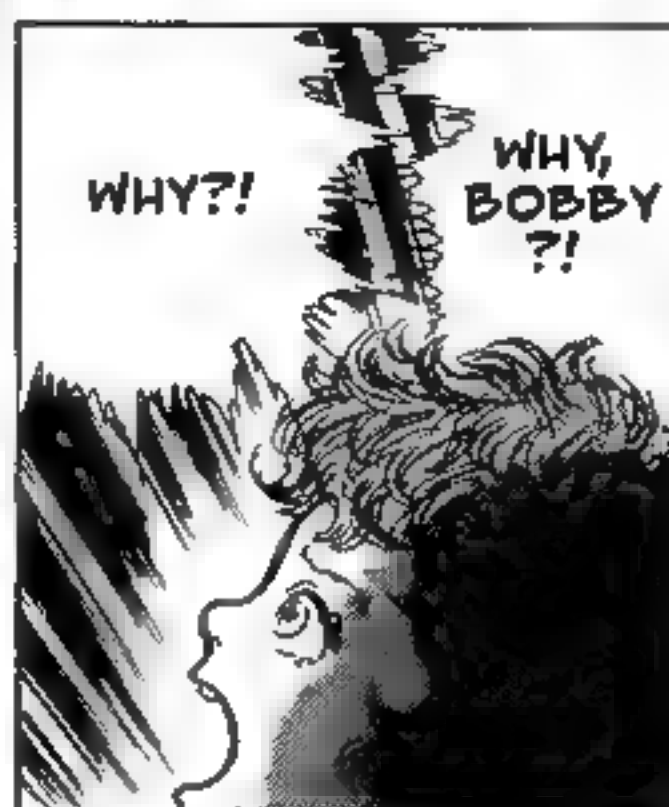
LOOKS
LIKE YOU
UNDER-
STAND
NOW.



IN ORDER
TO BID YOU
GOODBYE.

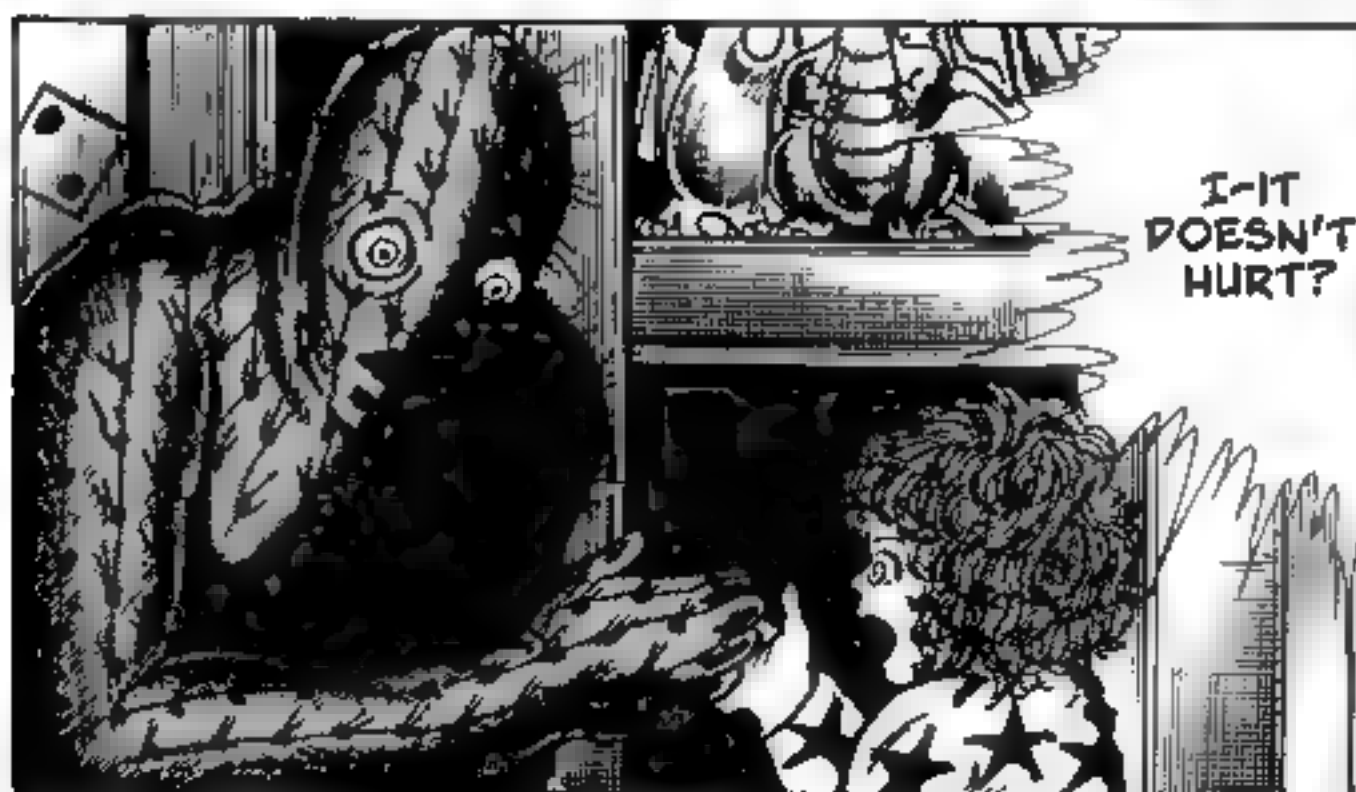
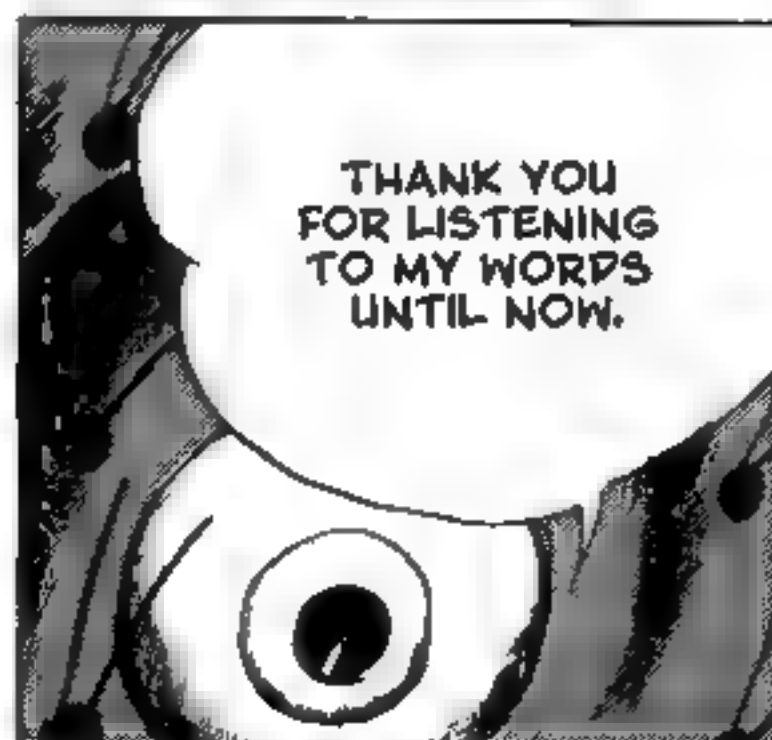


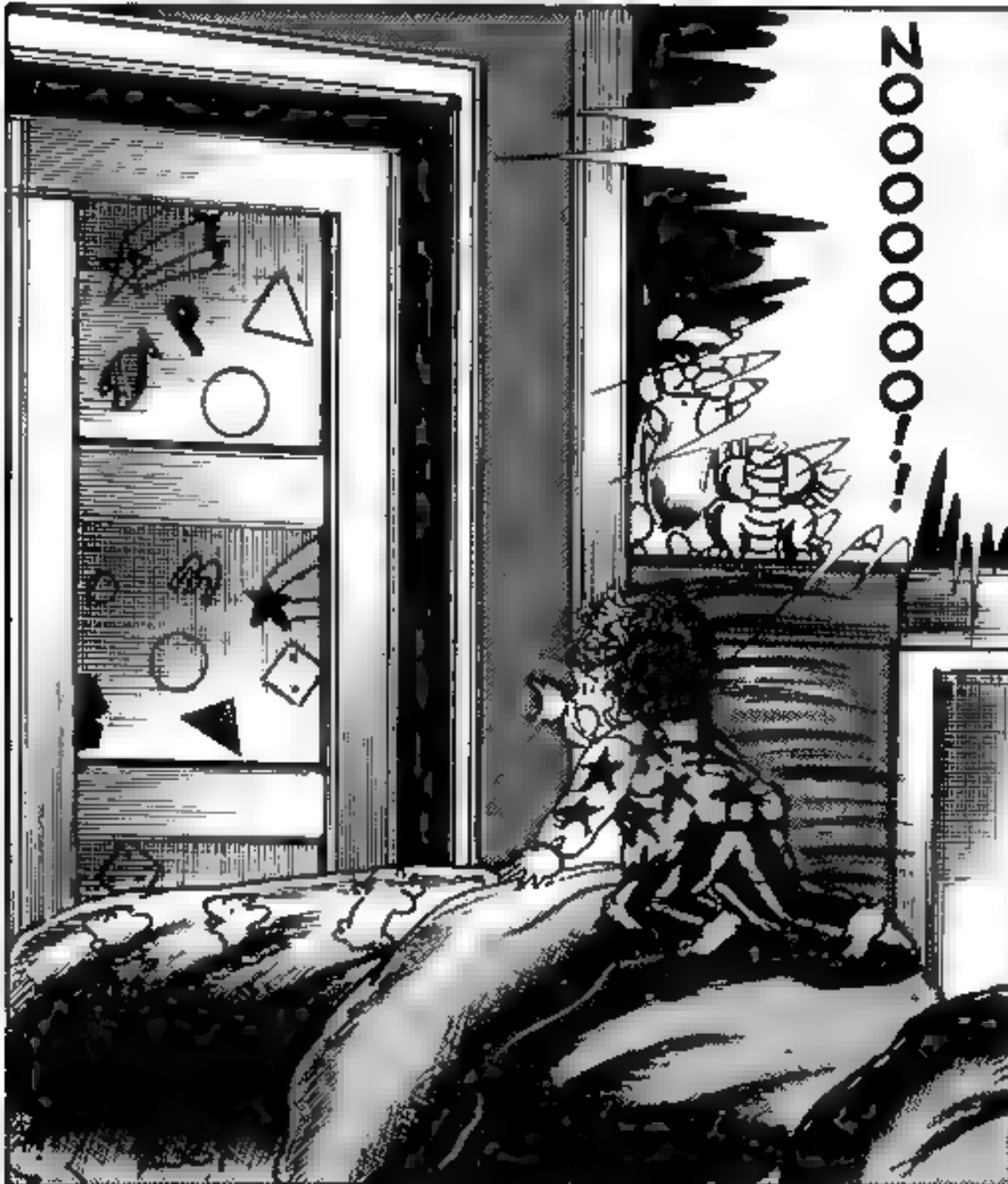
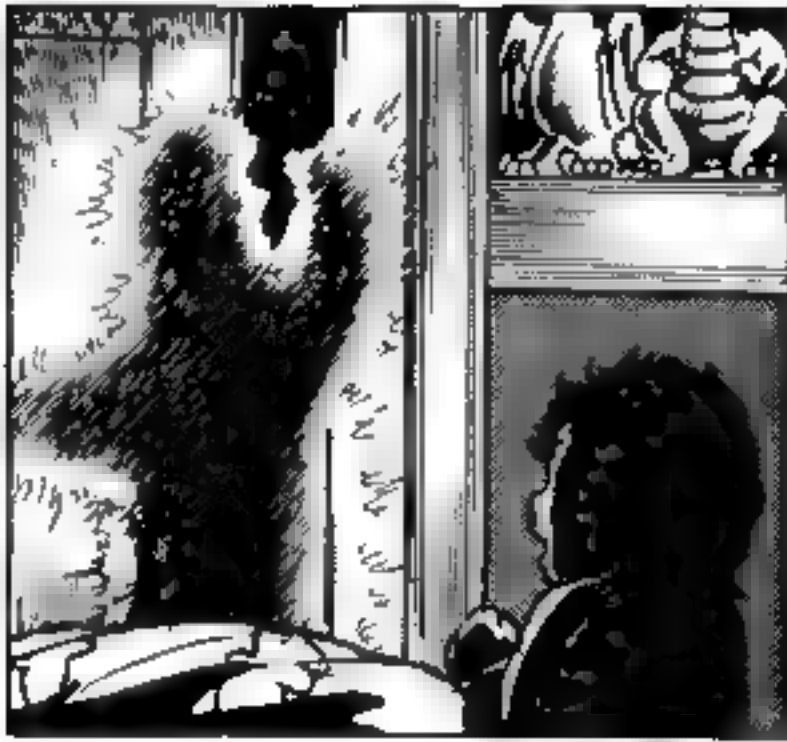
WHY HAVE
I CHANGED
INTO THIS
FORM?

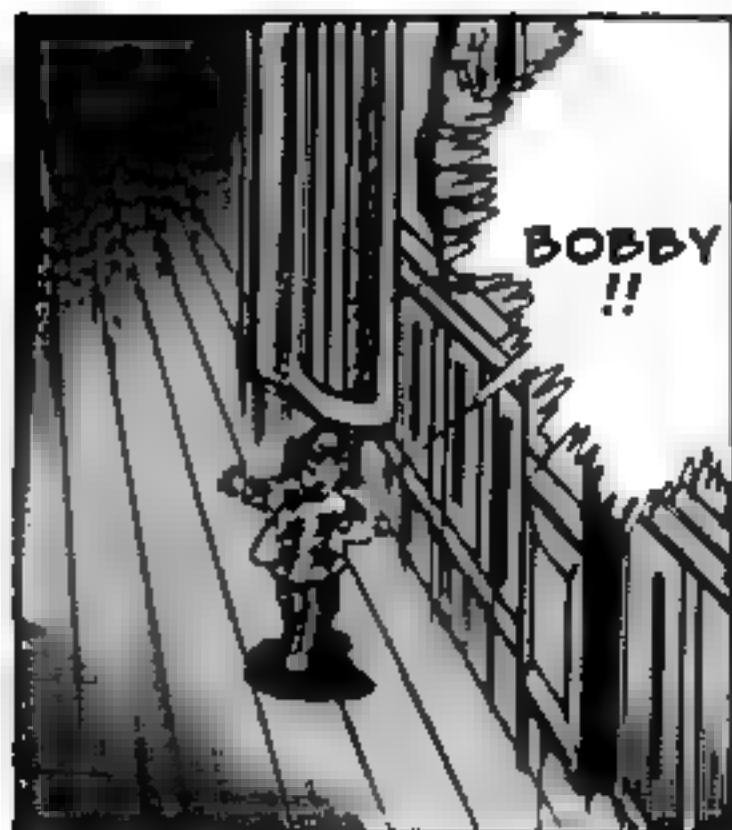


WHY?!
WHY,
BOBBY
?!

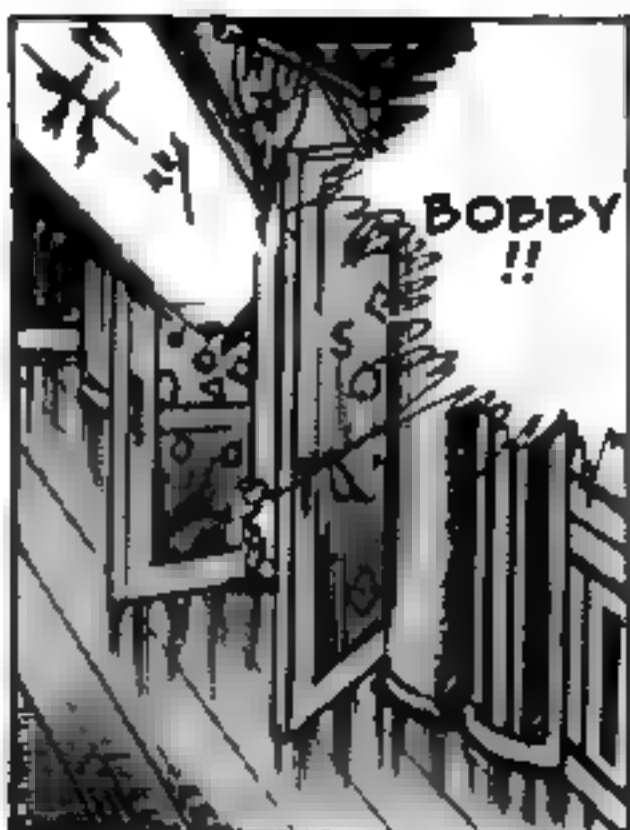




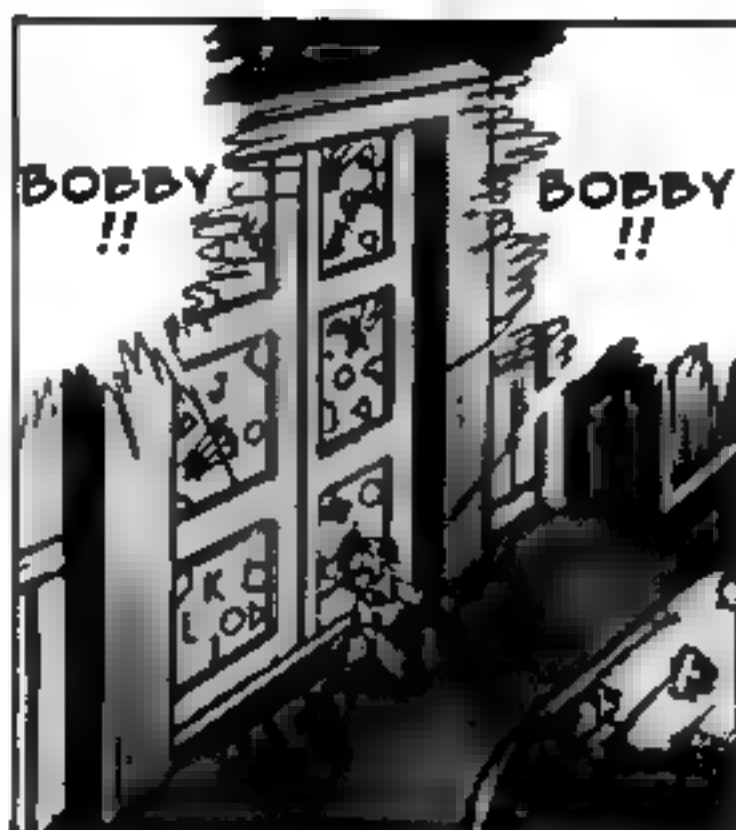




BOBBY
!!



BOBBY
!!



BOBBY
!!

BOBBY
!!

SFX: CREAK



BOBBYY-
YYYYY!!



BO-
BBY
!!



BOBBY,
BOBBY!!



SFX: BOBBY.



SFX: BOBBY.



SFX: CREAK

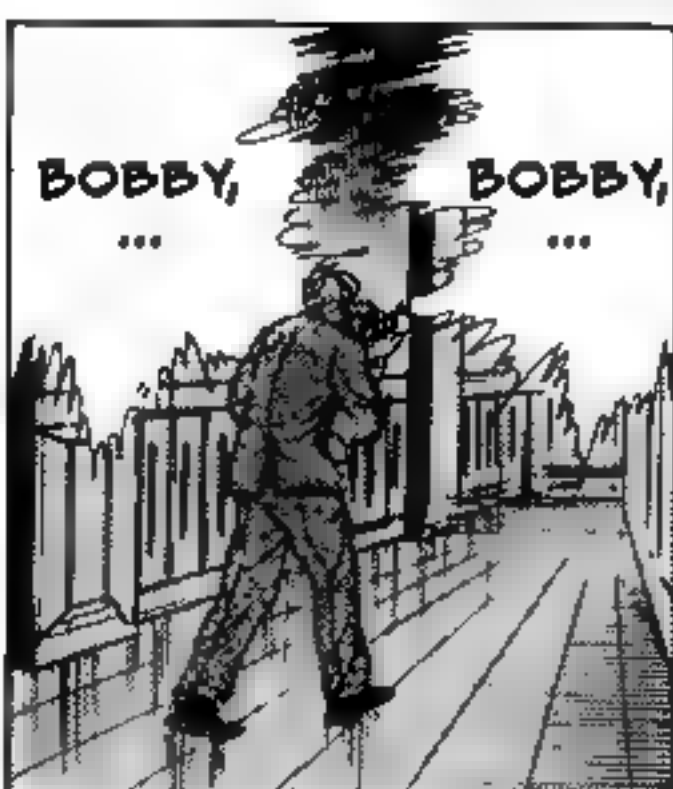
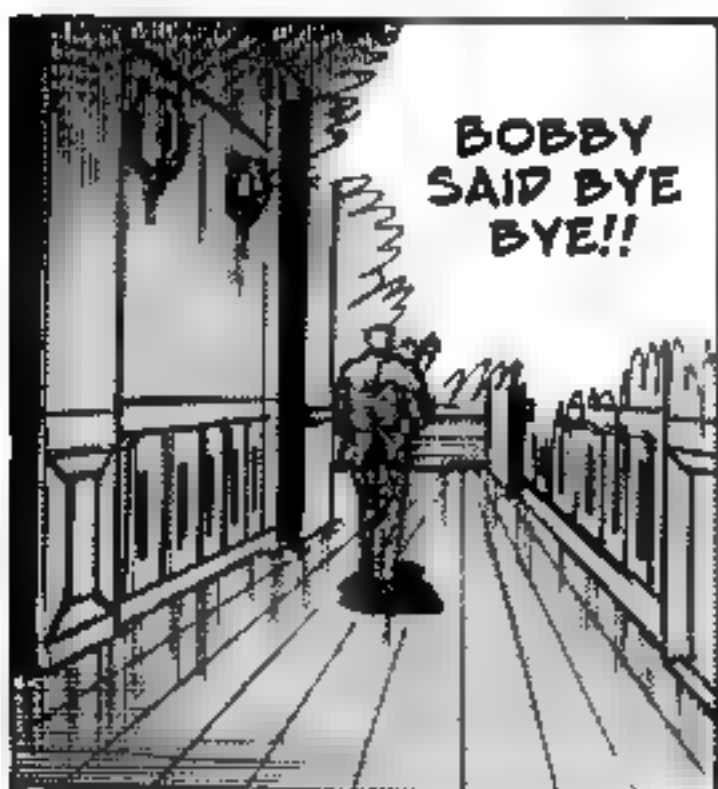
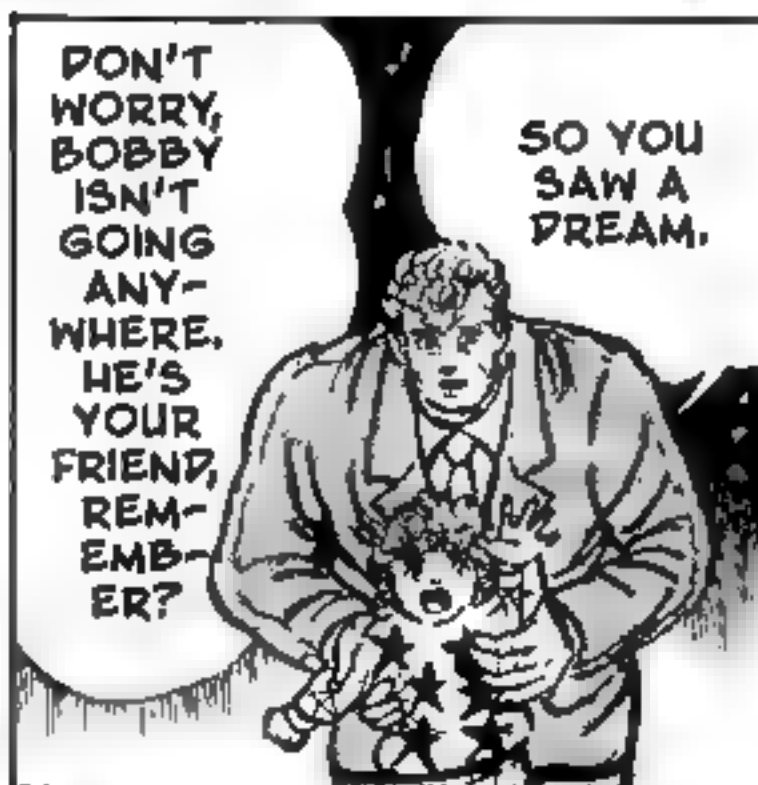
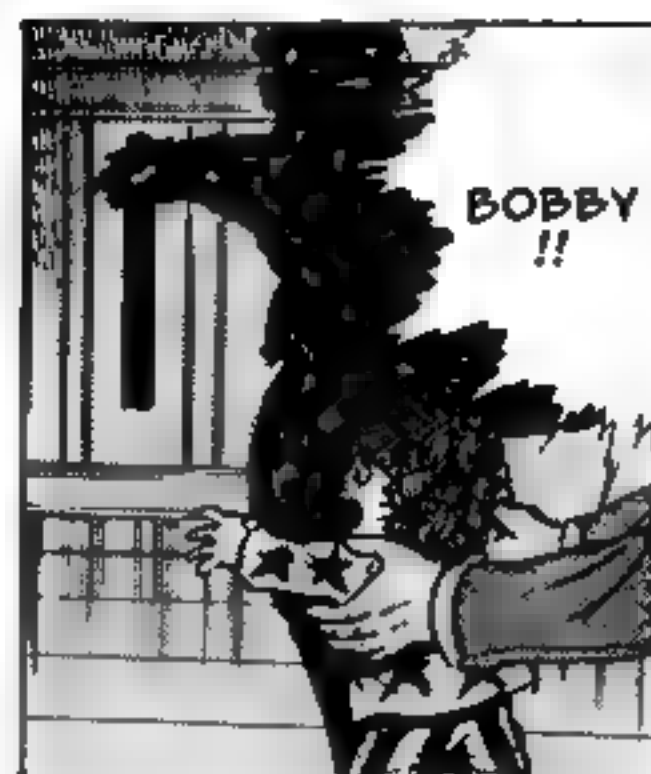
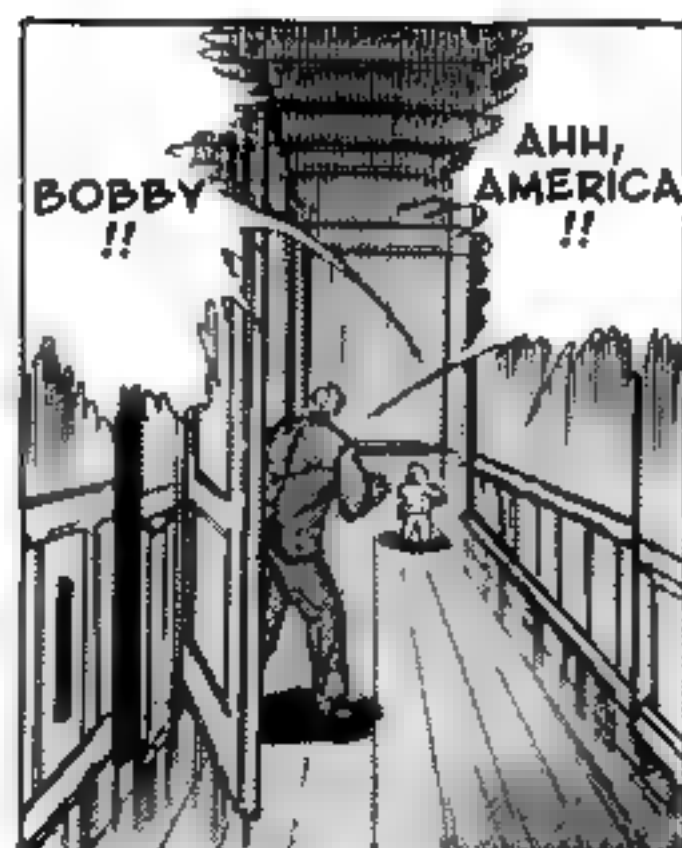
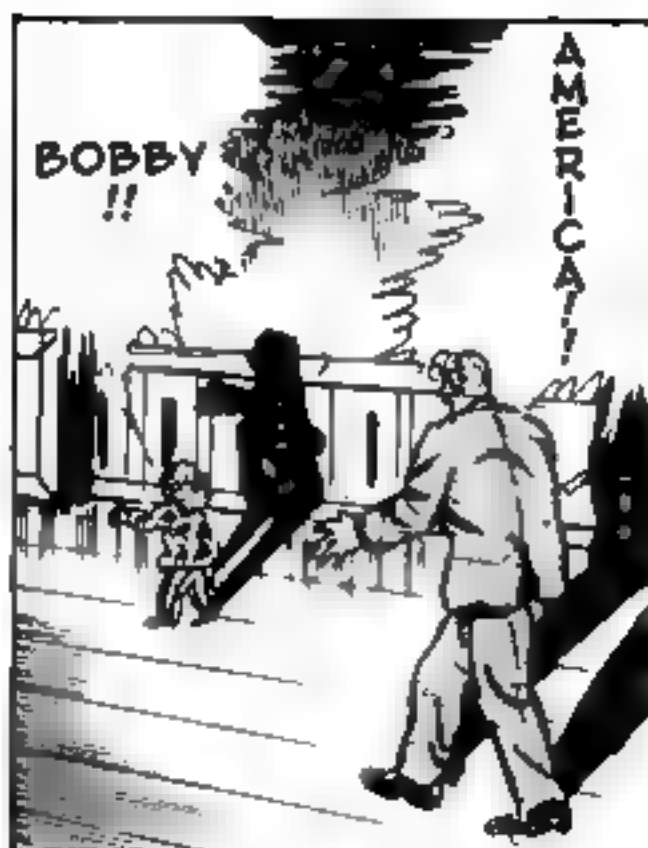


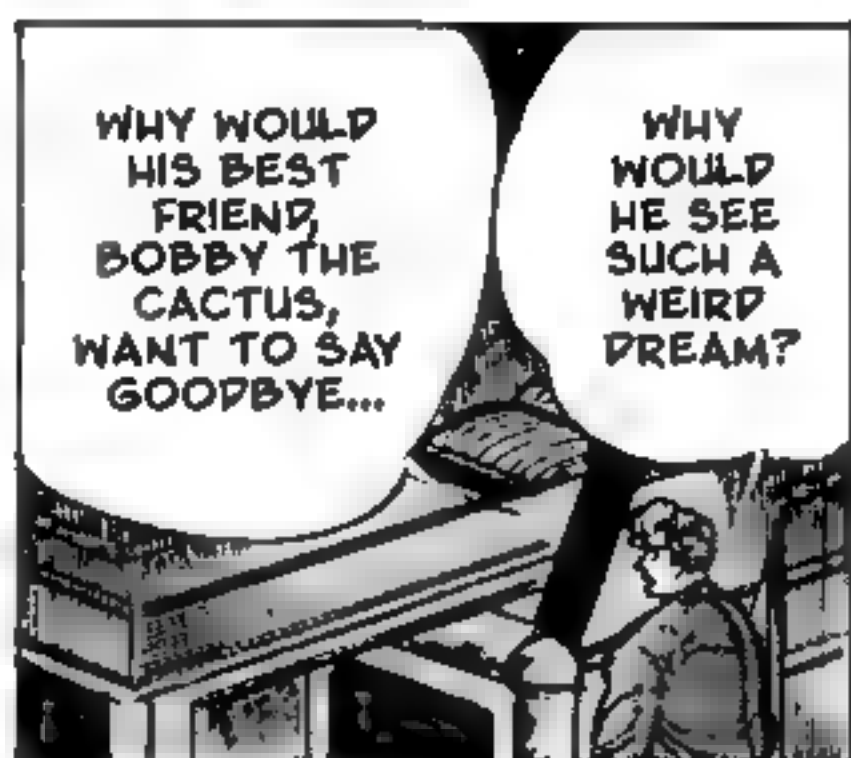
WHAT IS HE
DOING UP IN
THE MIDDLE OF
THE NIGHT?!



AND IT'S
COMING
FROM THE
HALLWAY
!!

AMERICA'S
VOICE!!





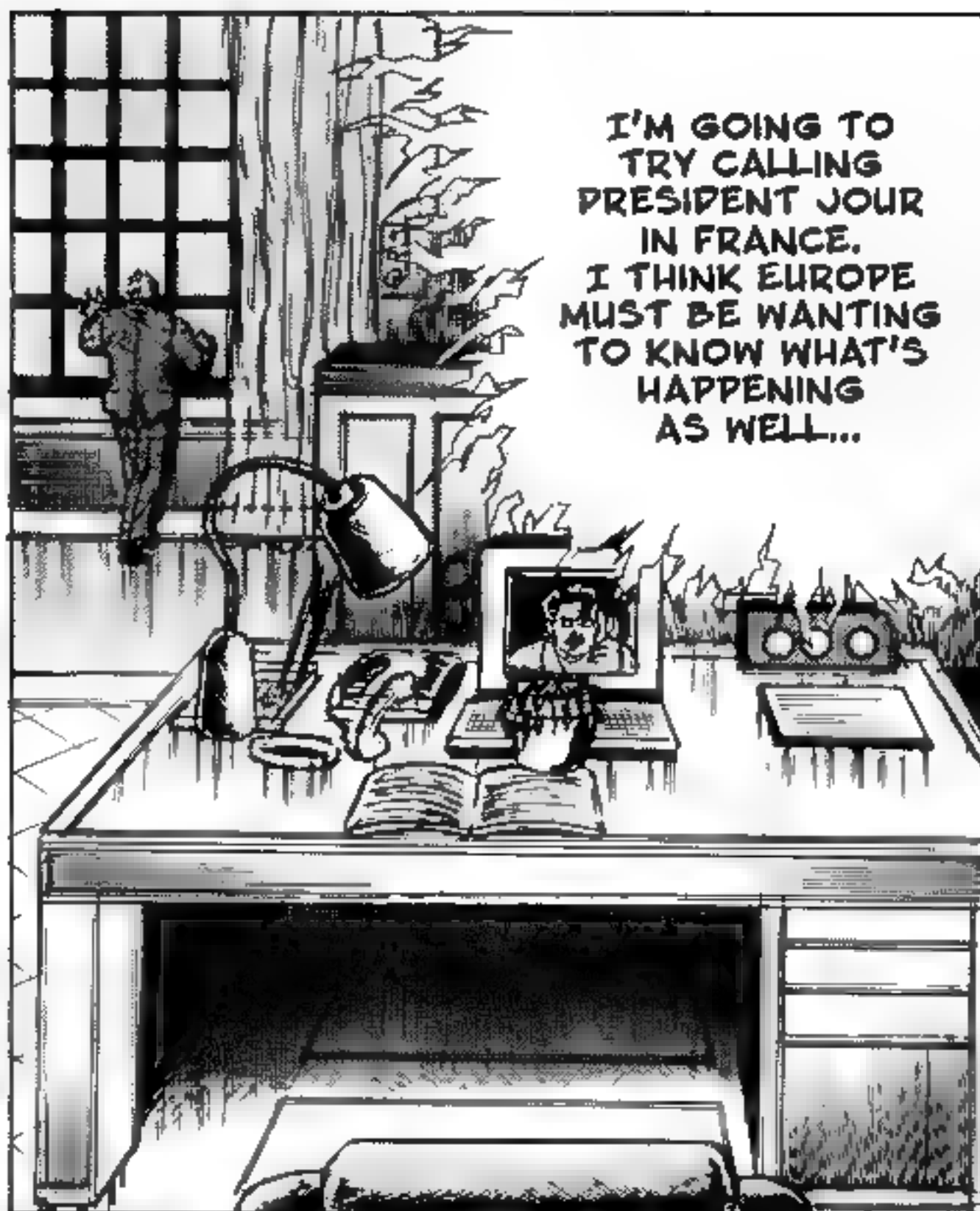
PRESIDENT YOUNG,
I AM GOING TO
DISCONNECT NOW.
BY THE WAY,
HOW IS YOUR SON'S
GREEN HAIR?



I DON'T
REALLY KNOW WHY,
BUT IN LIGHT OF
RECENT EVENTS,
I THINK IT MIGHT
HAVE BEEN SOME
SORT OF SIGN!
IT GIVES ME THE
SHIVERS!!



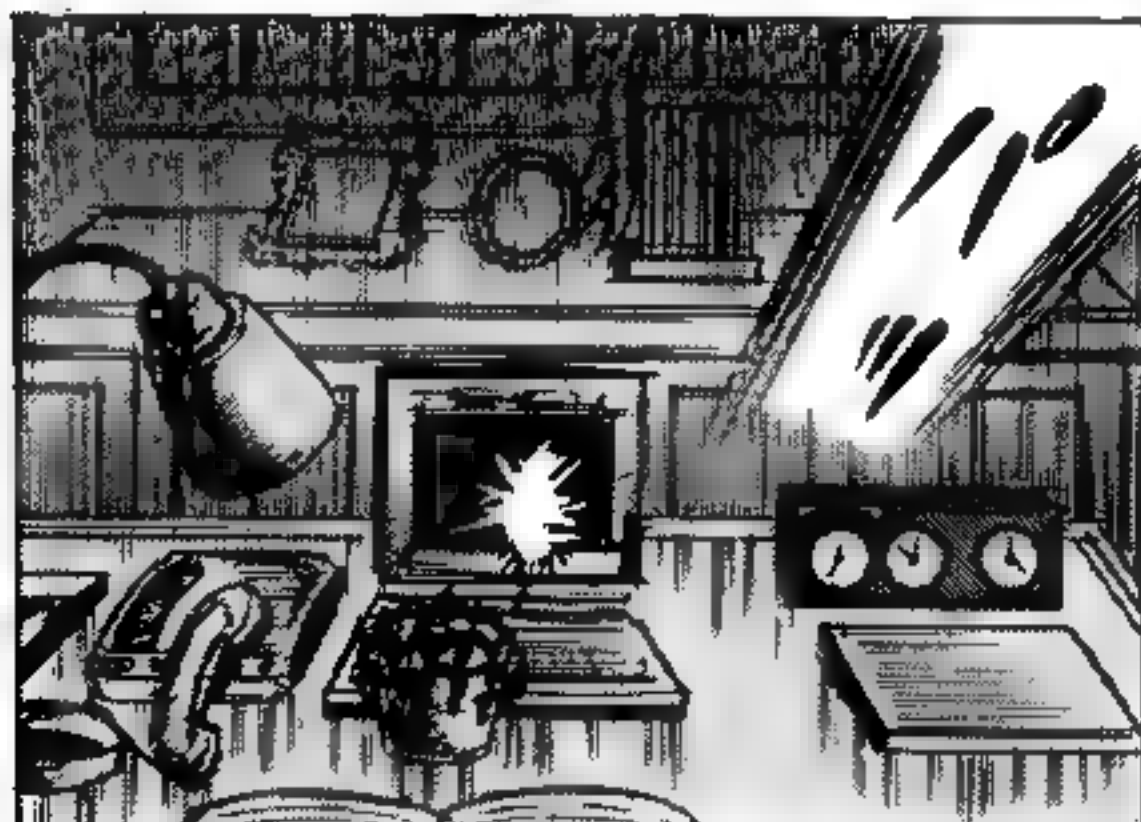
I'M GOING TO
TRY CALLING
PRESIDENT JOUR
IN FRANCE.
I THINK EUROPE
MUST BE WANTING
TO KNOW WHAT'S
HAPPENING
AS WELL...



PRESIDENT
JOUR'S SON
IS ALSO
THE SAME AGE,
AND TALKING
ABOUT OUR
CHILDREN HAS
ALLOWED US
TO BECOME
GOOD
FRIENDS!!



MY BOY
TAROU,
WHO IS
THE SAME
AS YOUR SON,
HAS BEEN
SO NAUGHTY
LATELY,
HE'S REALLY
CAUSING US
PROBLEMS!!



I HOPE WE CAN
TAKE SOME TIME
AND TALK ABOUT
OUR SONS TOO
IN THE FUTURE!!
GOODBYE FOR
NOW...



SFX: BOOP.

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THE
DAND-
ELION'S
WITH-
ERED!!



BUT IT
WAS SO
HEALTHY
!!



SFX. RING RING.

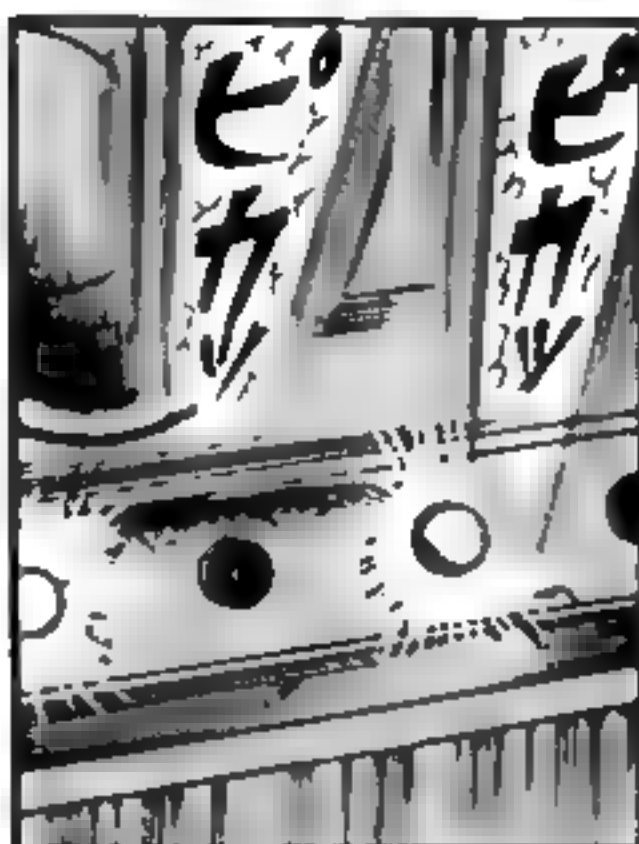


I CAN'T
BELIEVE
THIS!
WHAT
HAPPENED
?!

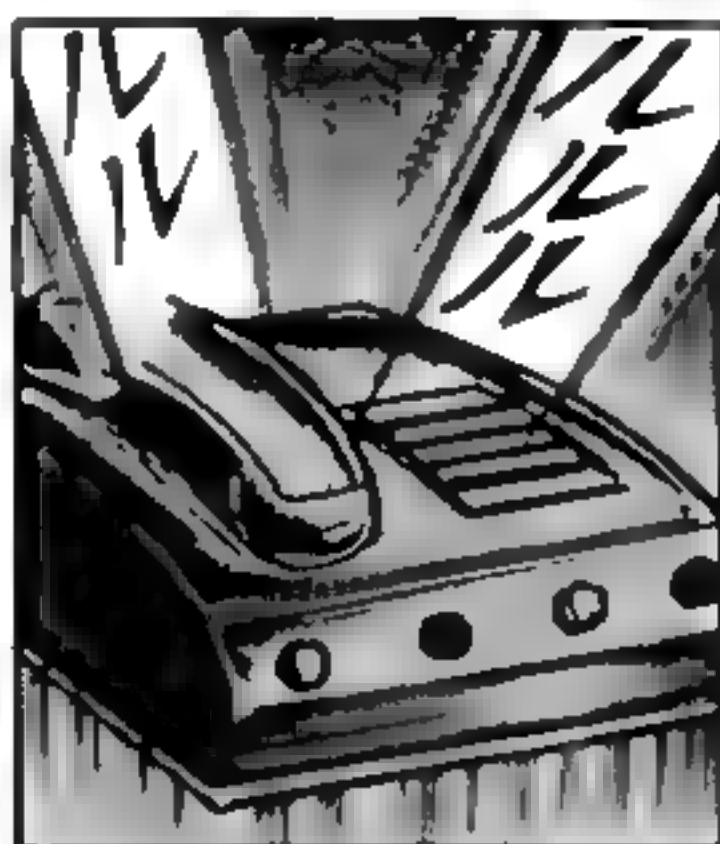


AN
EMER-
GENCY
CALL
!!

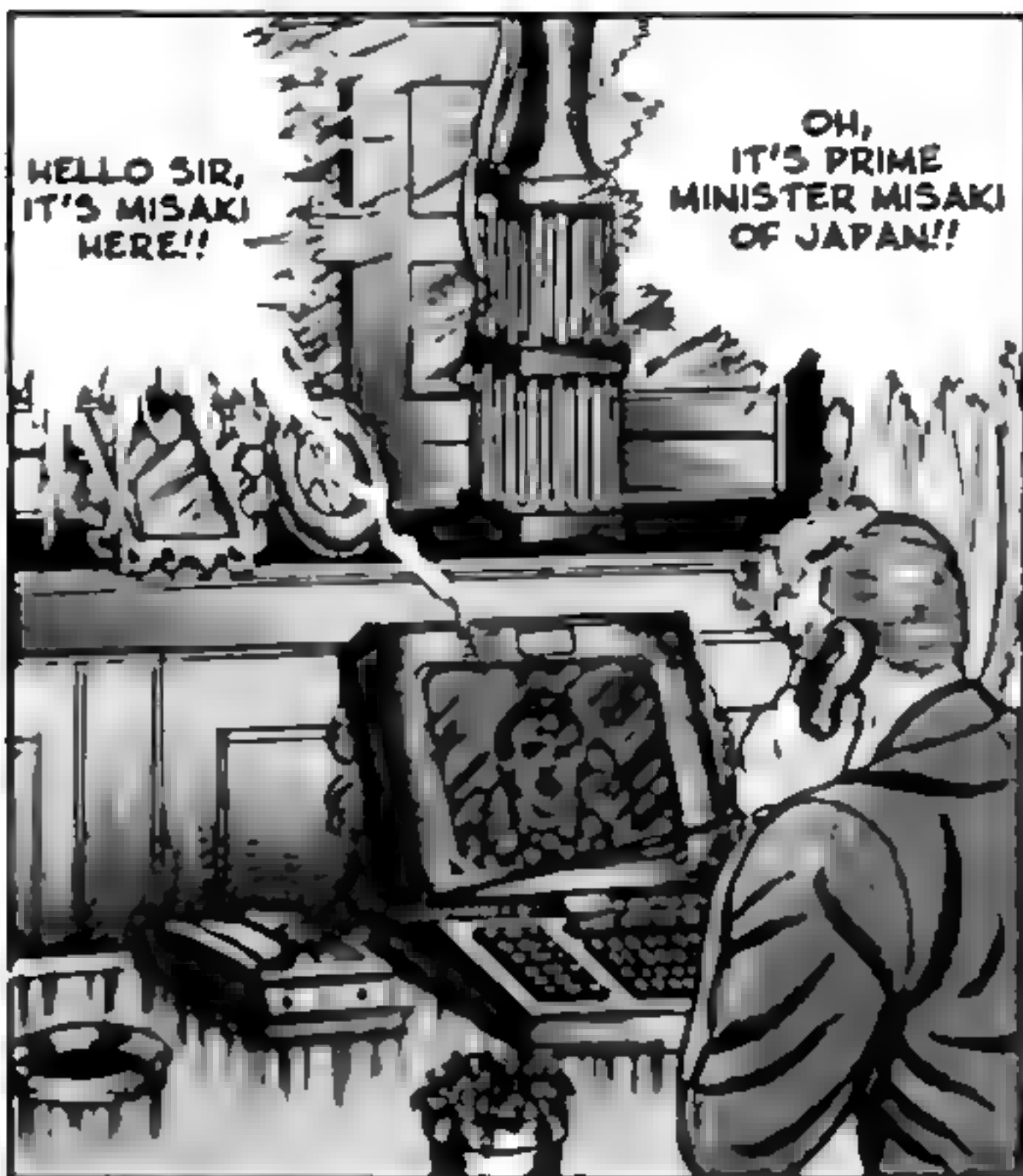
SFX. DEEP DEEP.



SFX. DEEP DEEP.



SFX. RING RING.



HELLO SIR,
IT'S MISAKI
HERE!!

OH,
IT'S PRIME
MINISTER MISAKI
OF JAPAN!!



WHO
COULD BE
CALLING
AT THIS
HOUR?!



DR. CLK CLK CLK



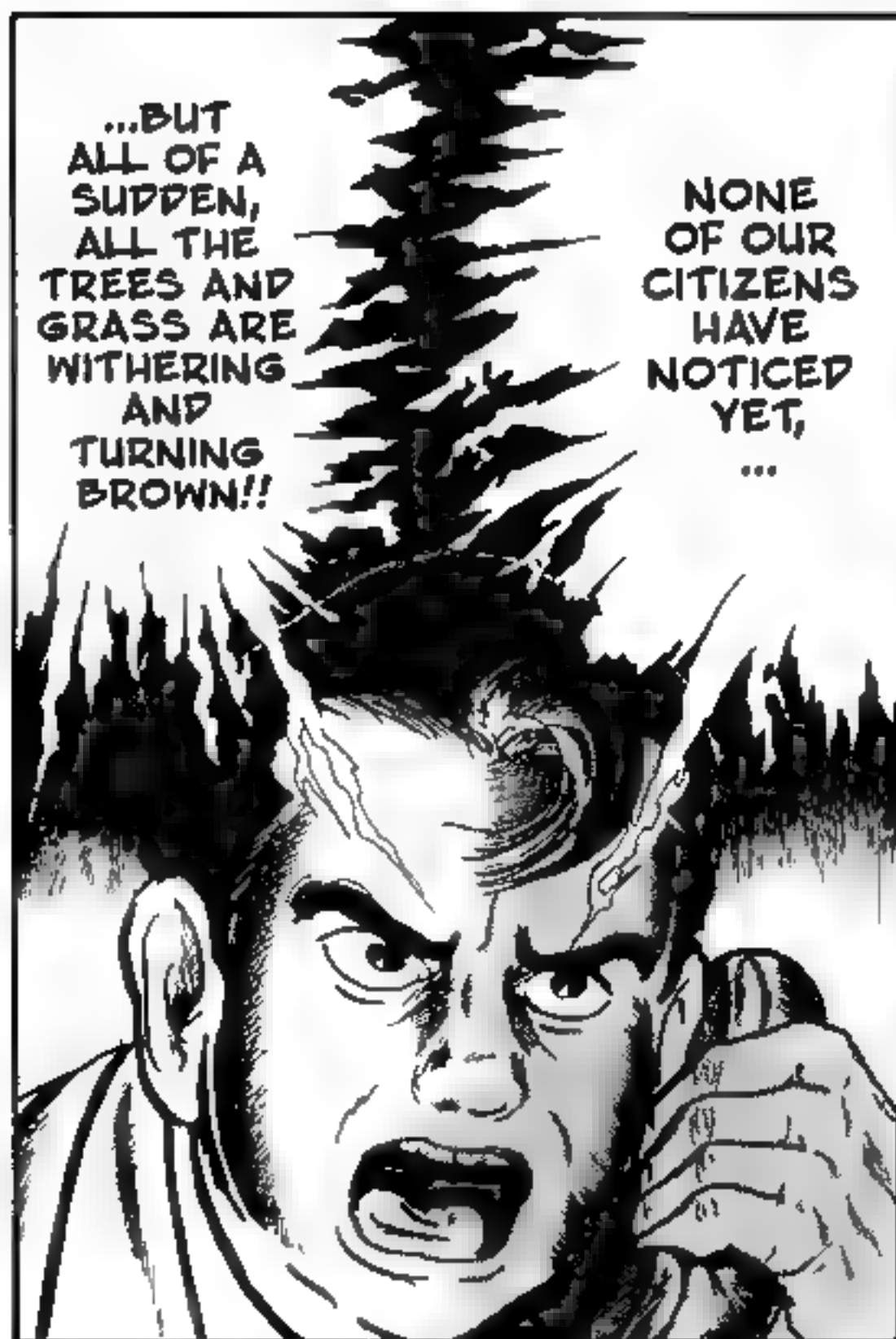
I AM VERY
SORRY FOR
CALLING YOU AT
THIS LATE HOUR,
PRESIDENT
YOUNG!!



JAPAN'S
GREENERY
HAS BEGUN
TO WITHER
!!



WHAT IS
HAPPEN-
ING?!



...BUT
ALL OF A
SUDDEN,
ALL THE
TREES AND
GRASS ARE
WITHERING
AND
TURNING
BROWN!!

NONE
OF OUR
CITIZENS
HAVE
NOTICED
YET,
...



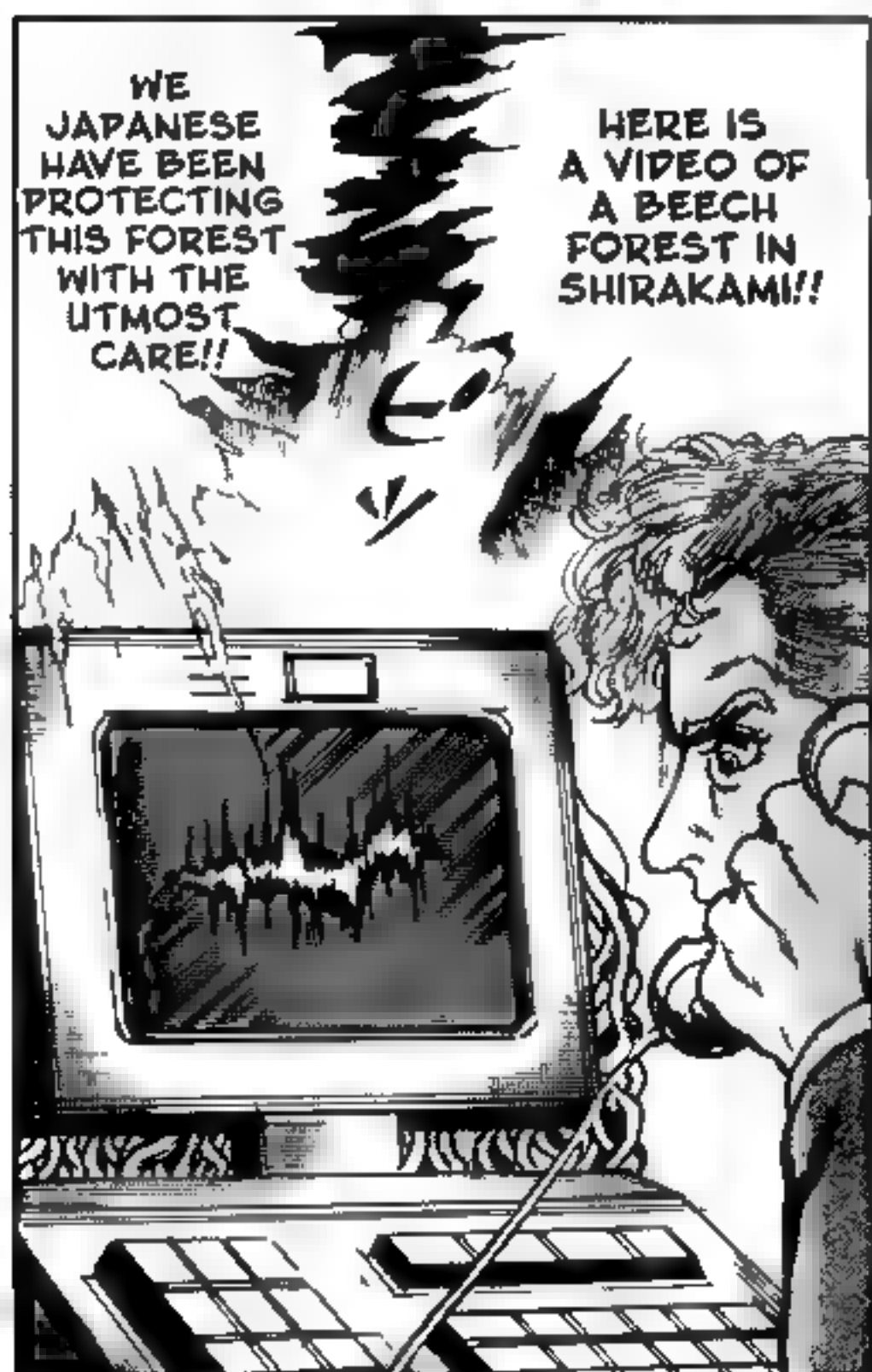
EH?!
GREEN-
ERY?!



WH-
WHA?!

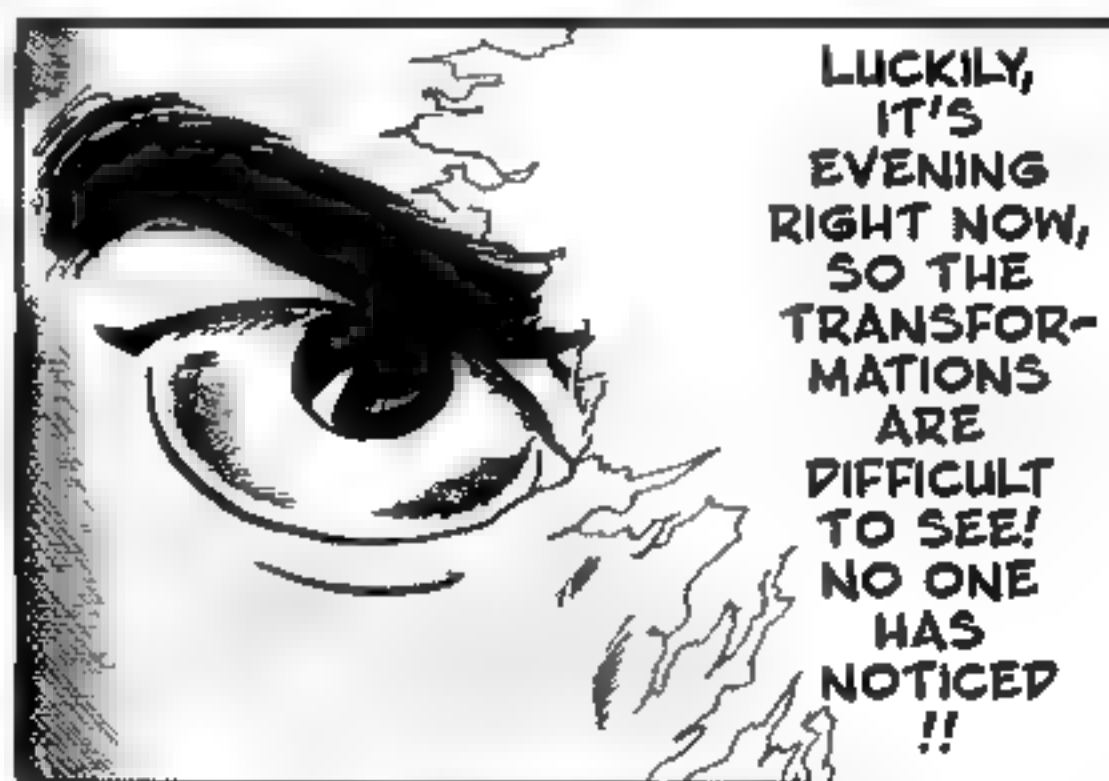


IT IS 5:30 PM
RIGHT NOW
IN JAPAN!
ALL THE PLANTS
WE HAD BEGAN
WITHERING
AROUND
5:00 PM!



WE
JAPANESE
HAVE BEEN
PROTECTING
THIS FOREST
WITH THE
UTMOST
CARE!!

HERE IS
A VIDEO OF
A BEECH
FOREST IN
SHIRAKAMI!!



LUCKILY,
IT'S
EVENING
RIGHT NOW,
SO THE
TRANSFOR-
MATIONS
ARE
DIFFICULT
TO SEE!
NO ONE
HAS
NOTICED
!!



...KEEP
SENDING IN
REPORTS
OF PLANTS
DYING
!!

EXPERTS
FROM
VARIOUS
AREAS,
HOWEVER
...



SFX: SNAP.



SFX: RUSTLE RUSTLE.



AND LOOK
AT MT. FUJI!!
CAN YOU SEE
HOW IT'S TURNED
ALL BROWN?



DO YOU
UNDER-
STAND
NOW?!

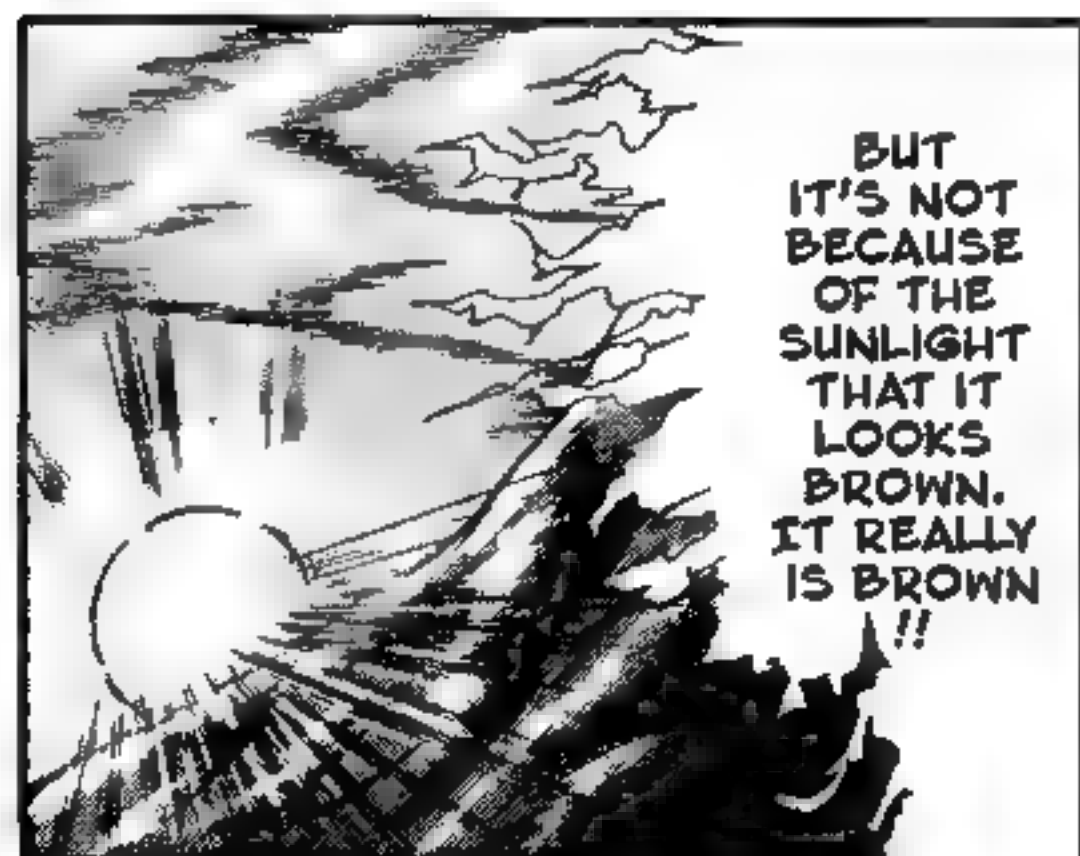


THIS IS
A HUGE
FOREST,
WHICH IS
SAID TO
SWALLOW
UP PEOPLE
AFTER THEY
ENTER!!

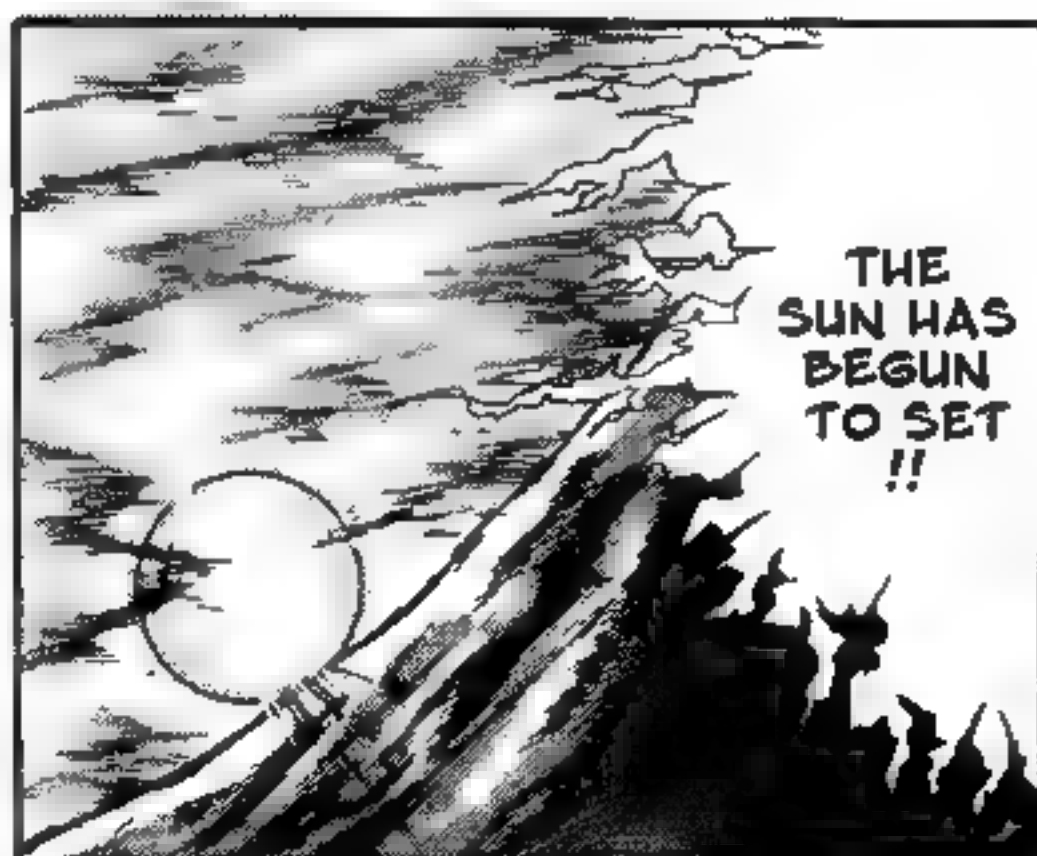
THE
TREES
IN THE
WOODLAND
ARE
WITHERING
AND
DROPPING
THEIR
LEAVES!!



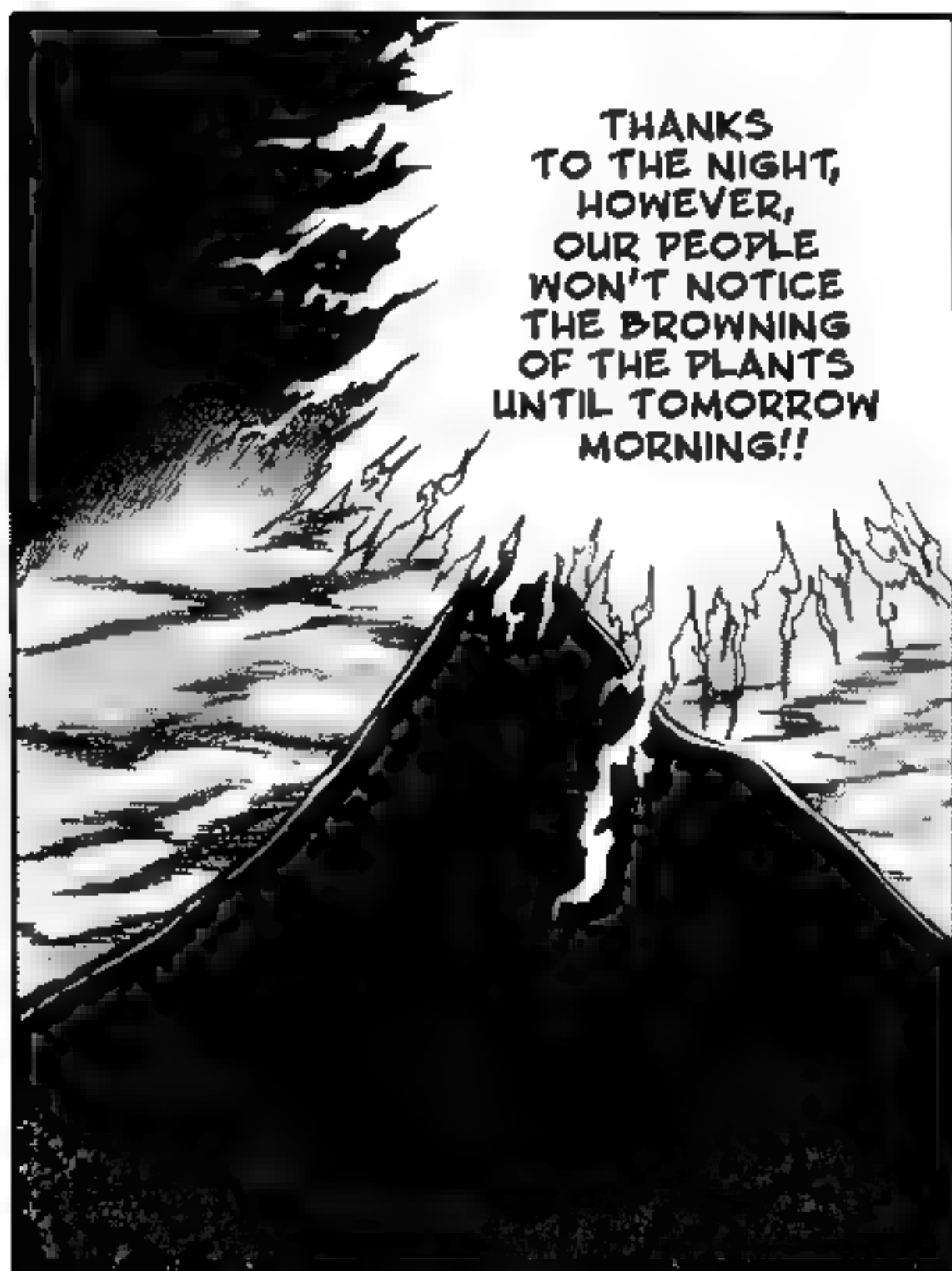
THE
SAKHALIN FIRS
AND LARCHES
ALONG WITH ALL
THE OTHER
SHRUBS ON
THE MOUNTAIN
ARE WITHERING!!



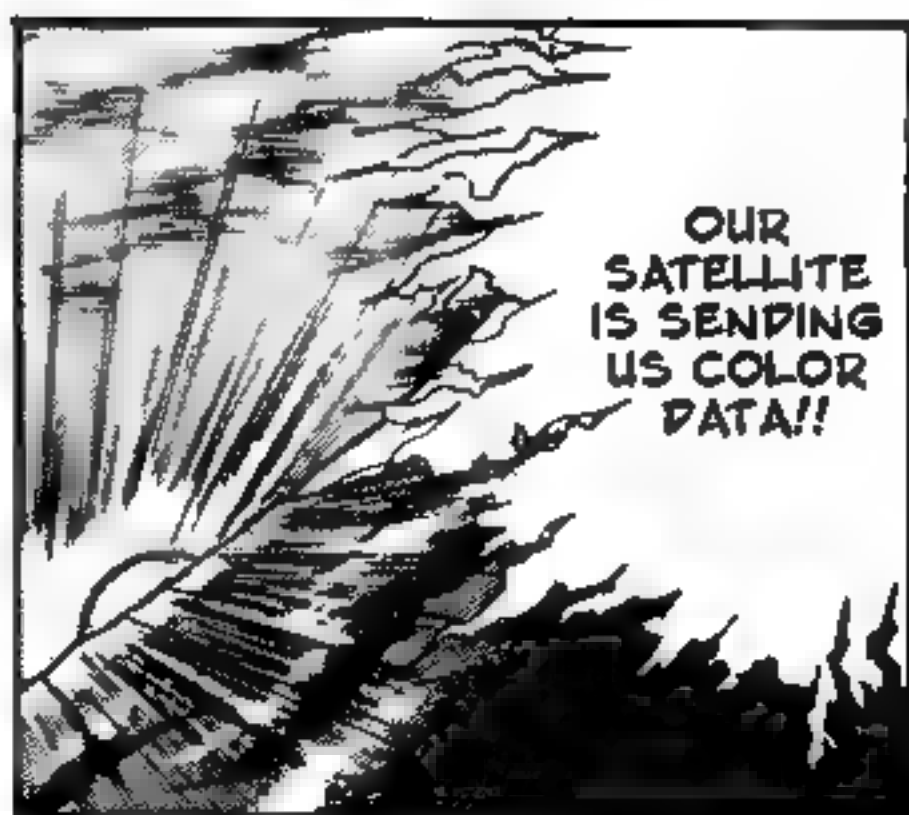
BUT
IT'S NOT
BECAUSE
OF THE
SUNLIGHT
THAT IT
LOOKS
BROWN.
IT REALLY
IS BROWN
!!



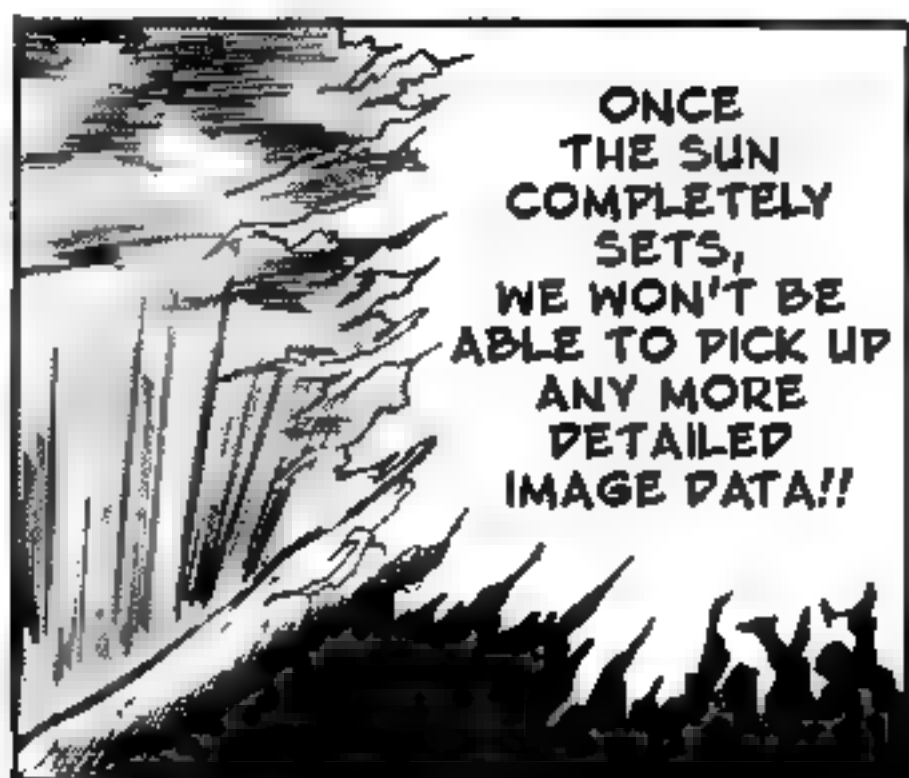
THE
SUN HAS
BEGUN
TO SET
!!



THANKS
TO THE NIGHT,
HOWEVER,
OUR PEOPLE
WON'T NOTICE
THE BROWNING
OF THE PLANTS
UNTIL TOMORROW
MORNING!!



OUR
SATELLITE
IS SENDING
US COLOR
DATA!!



ONCE
THE SUN
COMPLETELY
SETS,
WE WON'T BE
ABLE TO PICK UP
ANY MORE
DETAILED
IMAGE DATA!!



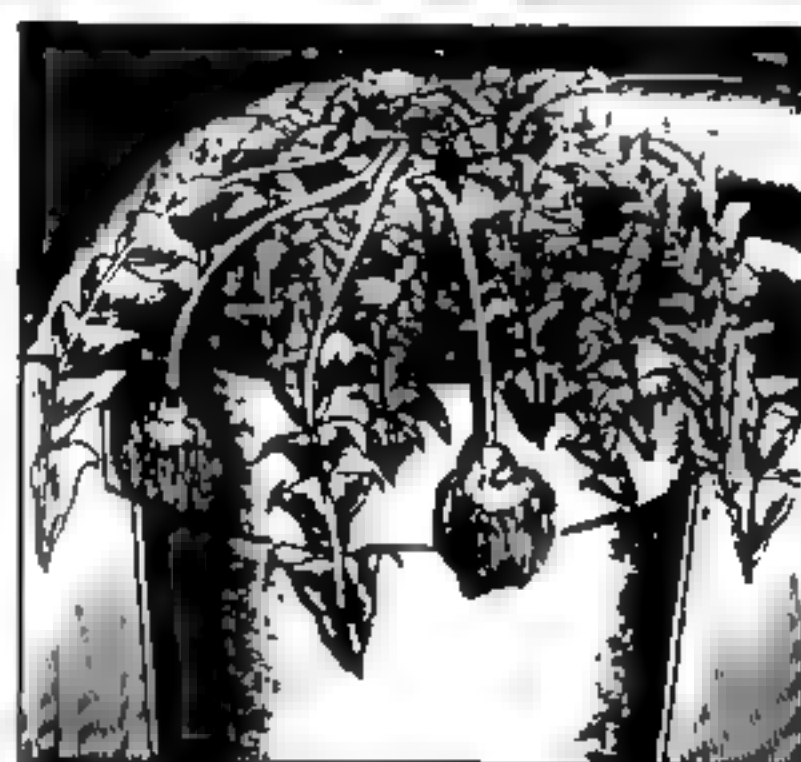
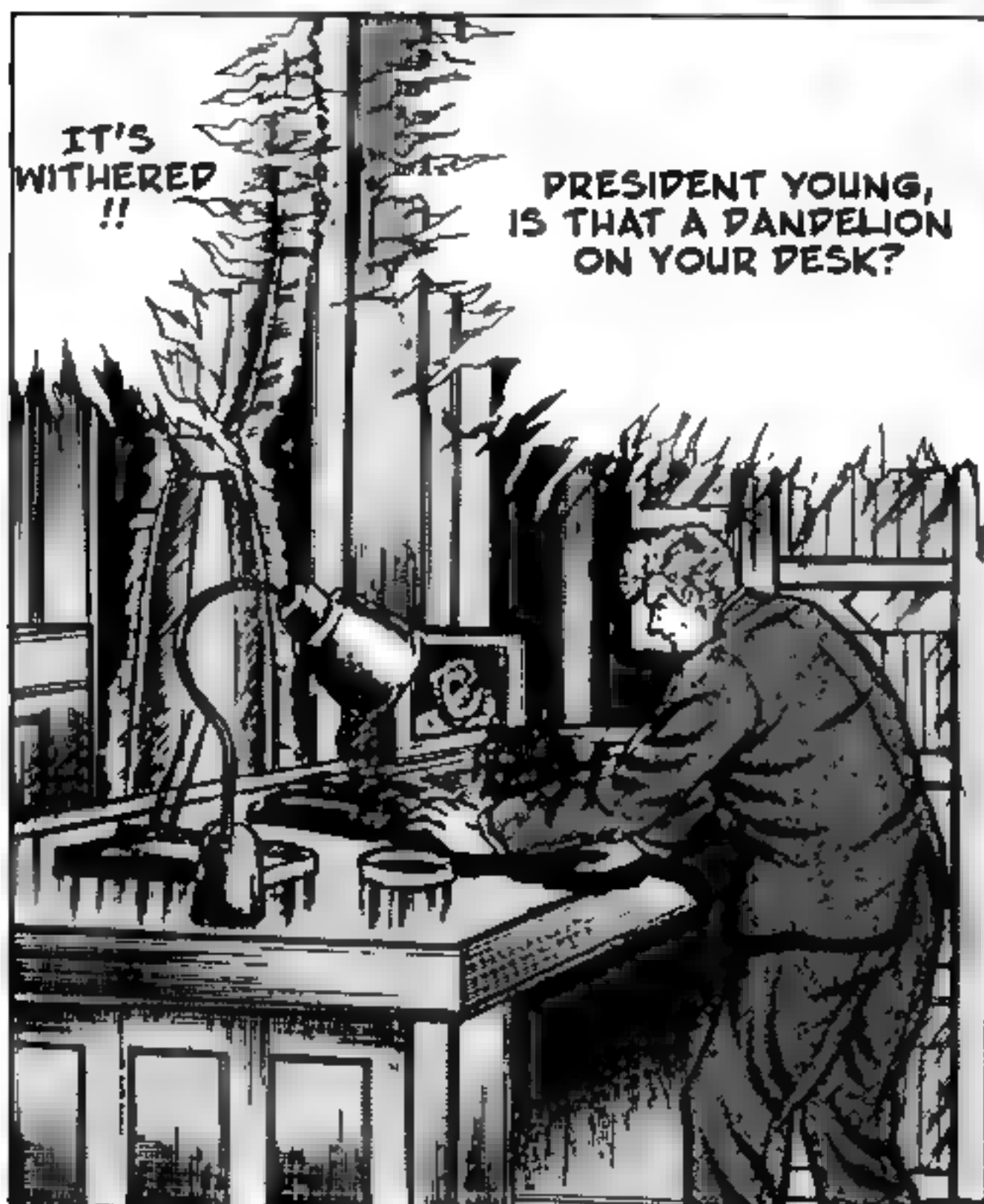
THIS IS
JAPAN'S
CURRENT
SITUATION!
HAVE YOU
NOTICED
ANYTHING ON
YOUR END,
PRESIDENT
YOUNG?!

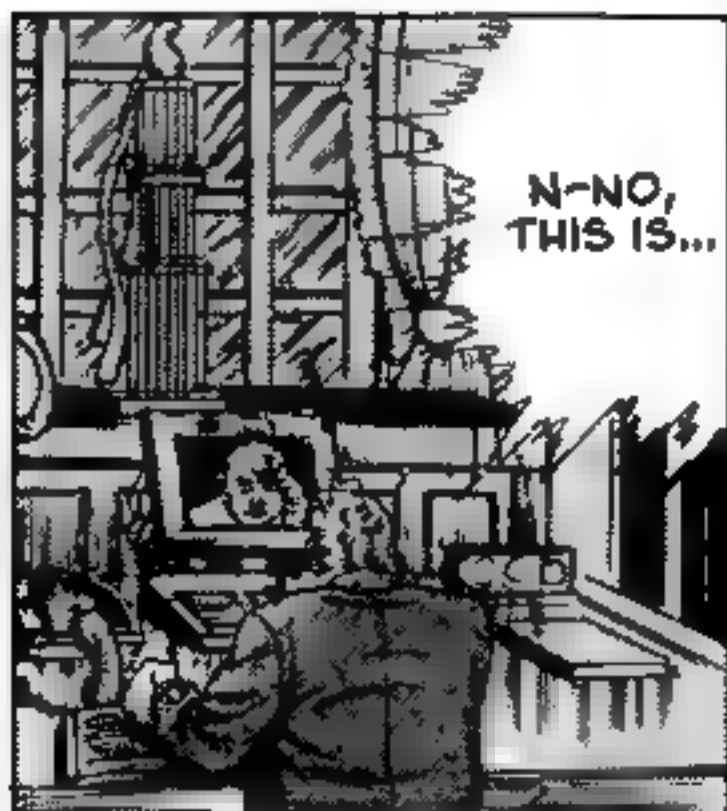


WHAT
DID
YOU
SAY?!



ACCORDING
TO OUR
LANDSAT
REPORT,
AMERICA IS IN
A SIMILAR
SITUATION,
BUT...





N-NO,
THIS IS...



...HAPP-
ENING
OVER
THERE
TOO!!



SO
REALLY
IT IS...



...BECAUSE
I SAT IT ON
MY DESK FOR
SO LONG AND
WEAKENED IT!!



THIS IS
PROBABLY
...



EXCUSE ME,
I'M GOING TO
LOOK OUT
THE WINDOW
RIGHT NOW.
PLEASE WAIT A
MOMENT!!

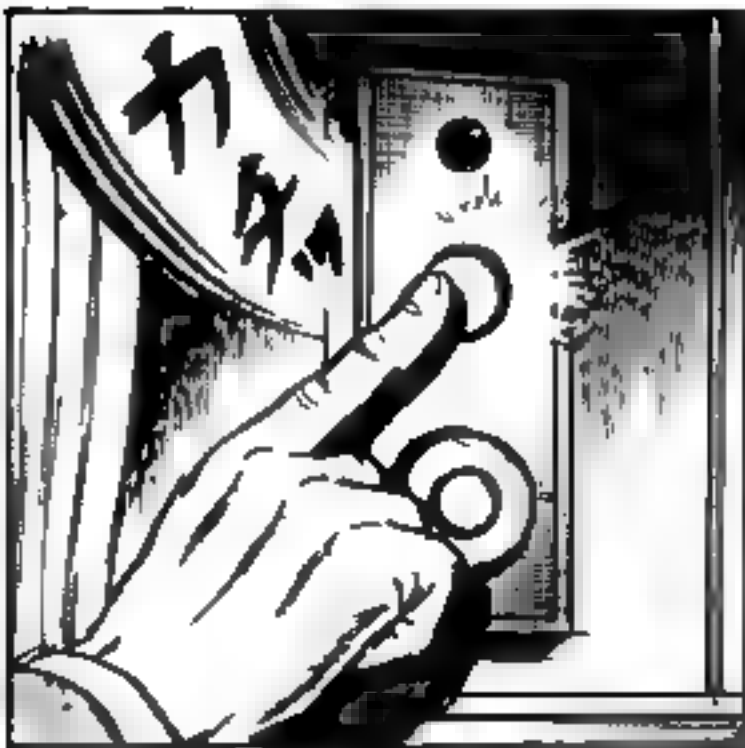


I FOUND
THIS
PANDELION
GROWING
SECRETLY IN
AN UNDER-
GROUND
STOREHOUSE
BENEATH
MY HOUSE!!



SFX: SHAH.

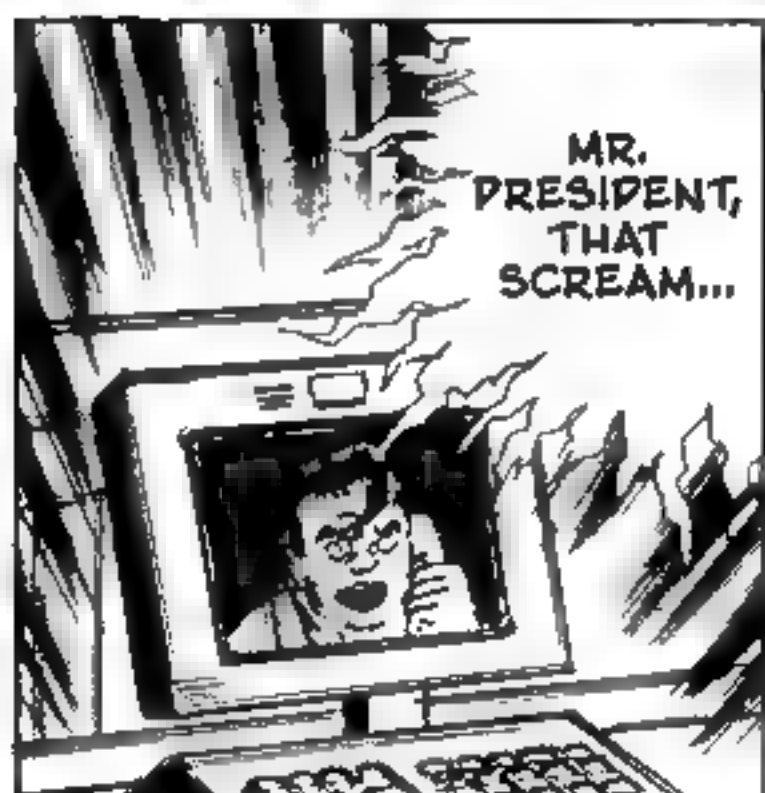




SFX: CLICK.



SFX: PAH.





THE
TREES
IN THE
GARDEN
ARE
WITHERED
!!



SFX CREAK.

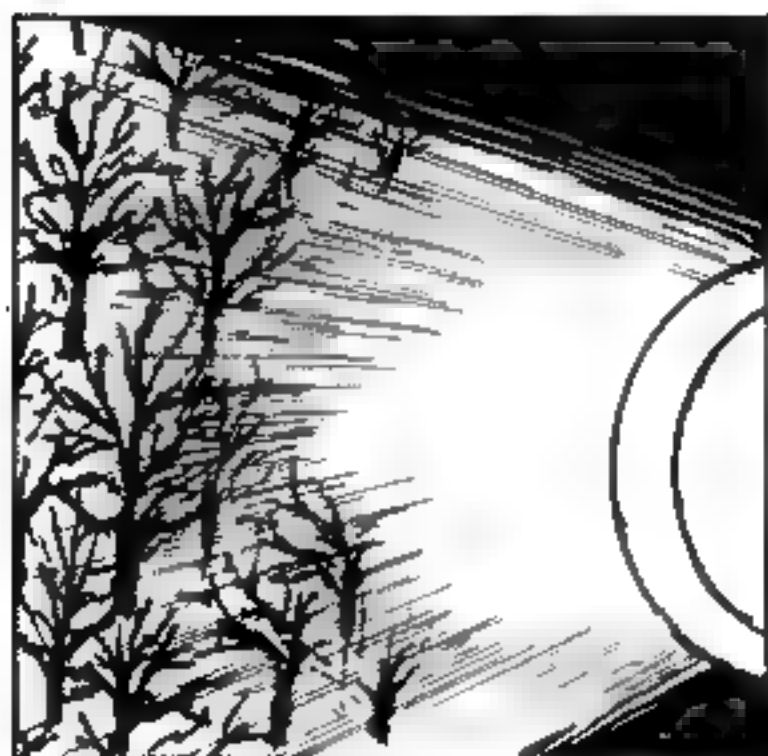


UWAAAAHHH!!

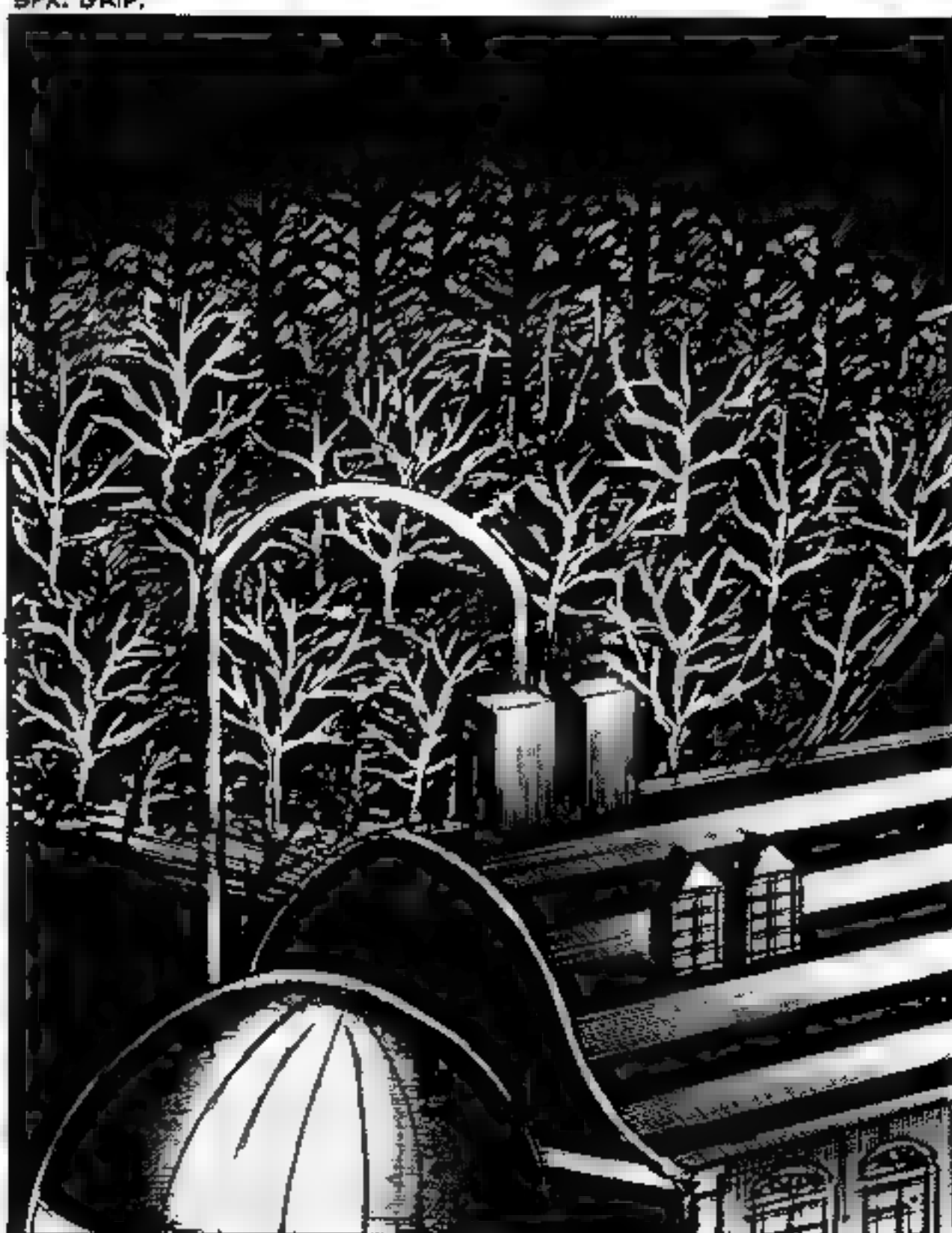


SFX: CRACK CRACK.

THE DAY GREEN DISAPPEARED



SFX: GRIP.



IF EVERYONE
REALIZED WHAT
WAS HAPPENING ALL
OVER THE COUNTRY,
THEY WOULD GO
INTO A HUGE PANIC!!



I-IF
THAT'S TRUE,
THEN HARDLY
ANYONE SHOULD
NOTICE UNTIL
MORNING
COMES!!



WH-WHAT
IF THE SAME
THING
HAPPENED
ALL OVER
AMERICA?!



WHAT'S
WRONG WITH ME?!
THE WHOLE COUNTRY --
NO, THE WHOLE WORLD
IS IN THE MIDDLE OF
A FIRE CRISIS,
AND I'M WORRYING
ABOUT MY SON'S HAIR...



SFX: SLAM

BUT MORE
IMPORTANTLY,
IS AMERICA'S
GREEN HAIR
ALRIGHT?!



I WAS
WORRIED
FROM THE
BOTTOM
OF MY
HEART
ABOUT
AMERICA'S
GREEN
HAIR.

I HOPE
HIS HAIR
IS STILL
GREEN!!



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JUST WHAT
WAS AMERICA
DOING EARLIER,
THOUGH?!



HE SAID
THAT HIS
CACTUS BOBBY
CAME TO SAY
GOODBYE
TO HIM?!



I'M SO
GLAD HE'S
STILL THE
SAME!!



THAT
REMINDS
ME,
WHERE
IS THAT
CACTUS
?!



AHH
?!

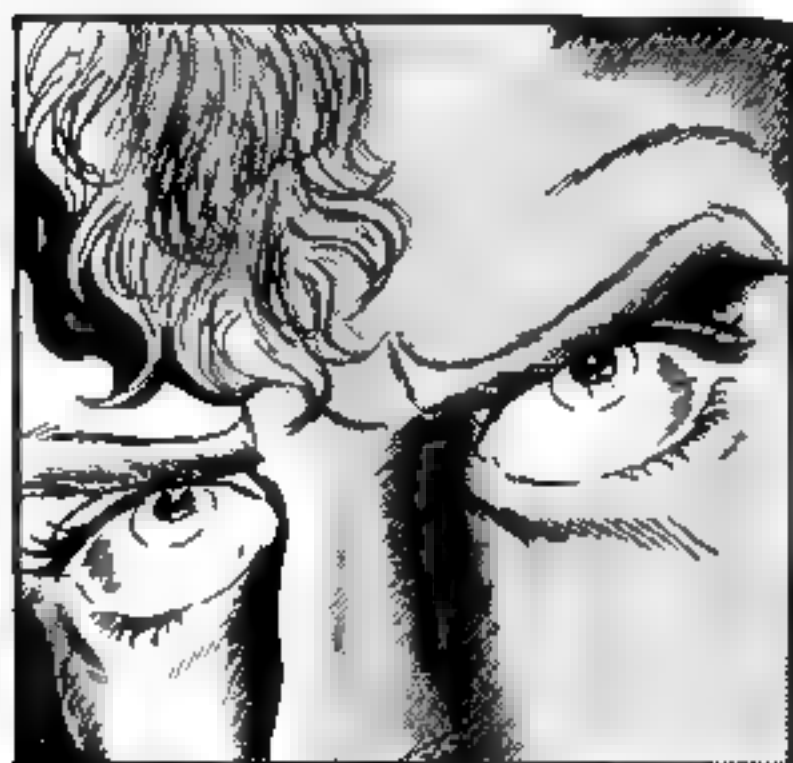




...AND
PUT IT
IN HERE...



WHAT IF
I MADE AN
IDENTICAL
COPY,
...



I SHOULD JUST
MAKE A COPY
AND SWITCH
THEM!!



YES,
THAT'S
IT!!



AMERICA
COULD BE
FACING
ITS BIGGEST
CRISIS EVER
RIGHT NOW,
...



HOW COULD
I HAVE
THOUGHT
UP SUCH A
RIDICULOUS
IDEA?!

RIDICU-
LOUS
!!



...AND I'M
THINKING OF
NOTHING BUT
MY SON'S
CACTUS!!

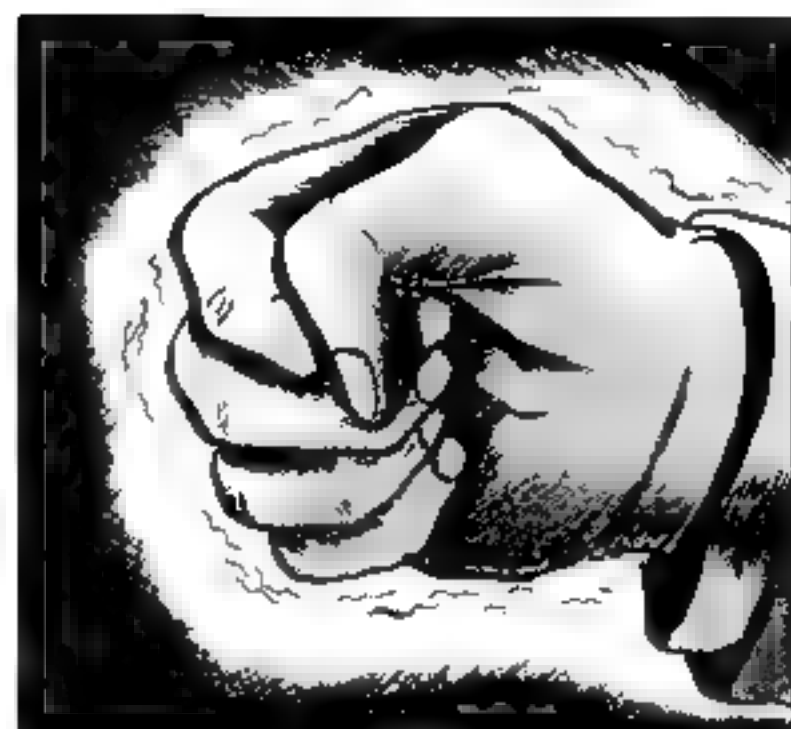




...THEY'LL BE
THROWN INTO
THE MOST
CHAOTIC PANIC
THIS WORLD
HAS EVER
SEEN!!



...ONCE
THE
PEOPLE
LEARN
OF THIS
...



I HAVE
TO AVOID
THIS PANIC
AT ALL
COSTS!!



AND BEFORE
WE ACTUALLY
DIE OUT,
WE WILL END UP
DESTROYING
OURSELVES!!

MURDER,
PILLAGING,
ALL SORTS
OF VIOLENCE
WILL
HAPPEN!!



BUT
HOW?



MAYBE I
SHOULD USE
THE SAME
TRICK ON ALL
OF AMERICA...



I'LL HAVE
THE SOS
(SECTOR OF
SCIENCE)
CHECK UP
ON THEM!!



STARING THE
TRUTH STRAIGHT
IN THE EYE IS
WHAT IT MEANS
TO BE JUST,
ISN'T IT?



HOW COULD
I THINK UP
SUCH STUPID
IDEAS?!

NO, NO!
WHAT IS
WRONG
WITH ME
TODAY?!



SFX: CREAK.



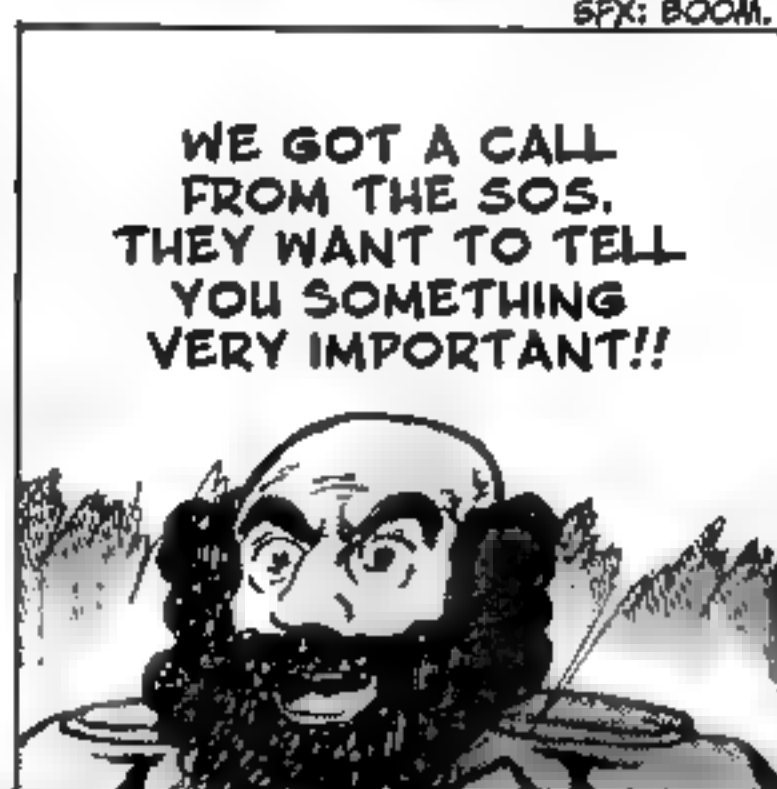
...DISCOVERED
THE TRUTH
ABOUT THIS!!



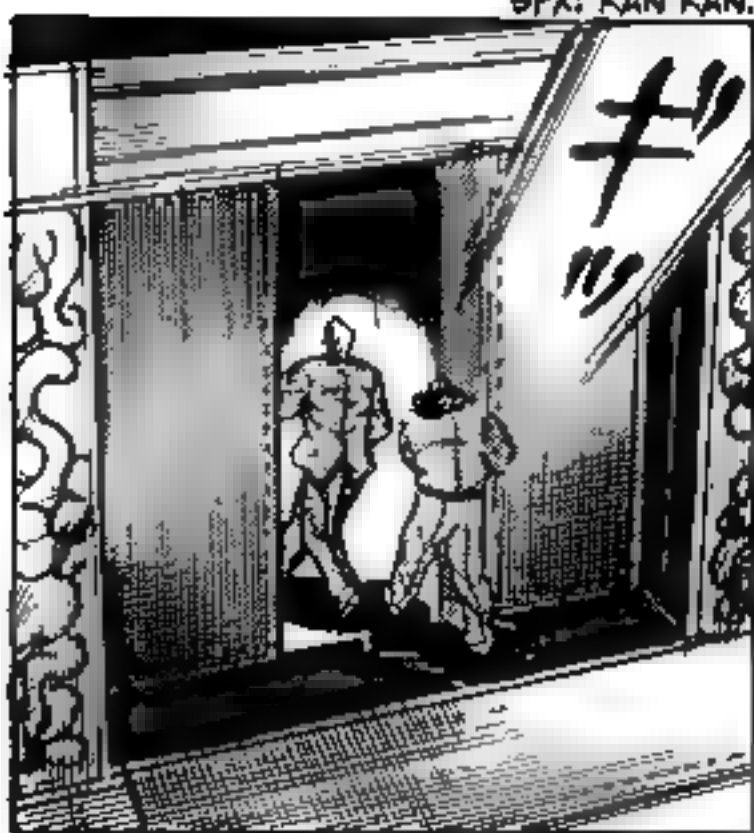
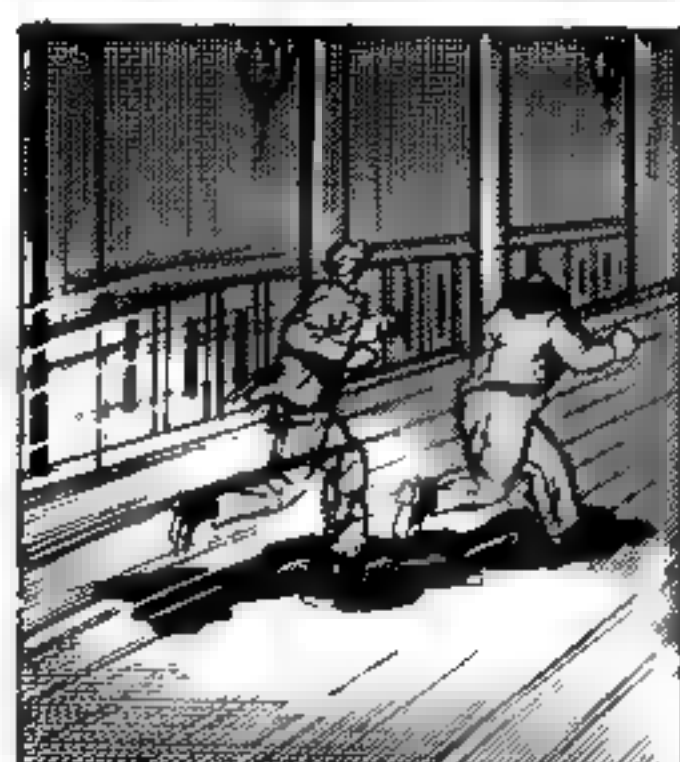
PERHAPS
THE
SOS HAS
ALREADY
...



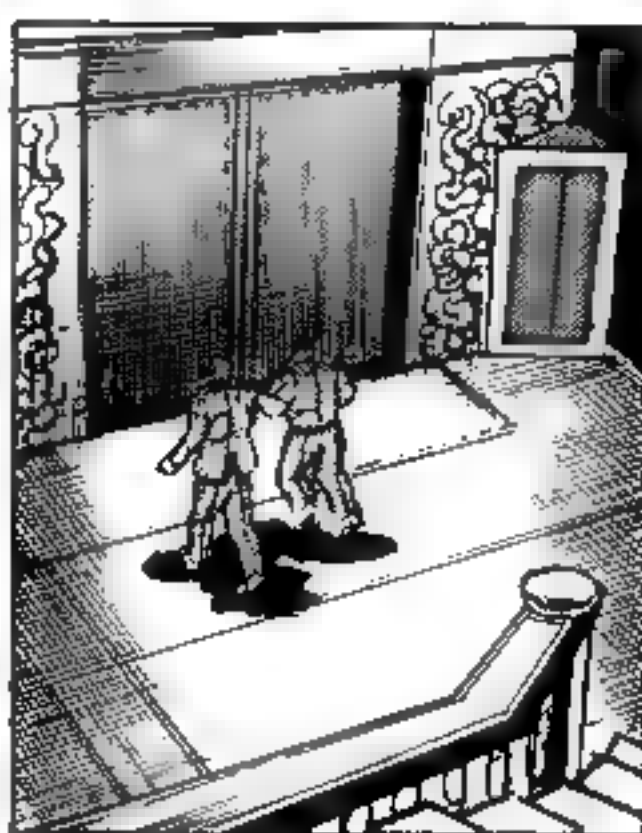
SFX: BOOM.



SFX: KAN KAN.



SFX: CREAK.
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SFX: KAN KAN.



MR.
PRESIDENT,
I HAVE BEEN
WAITING!!

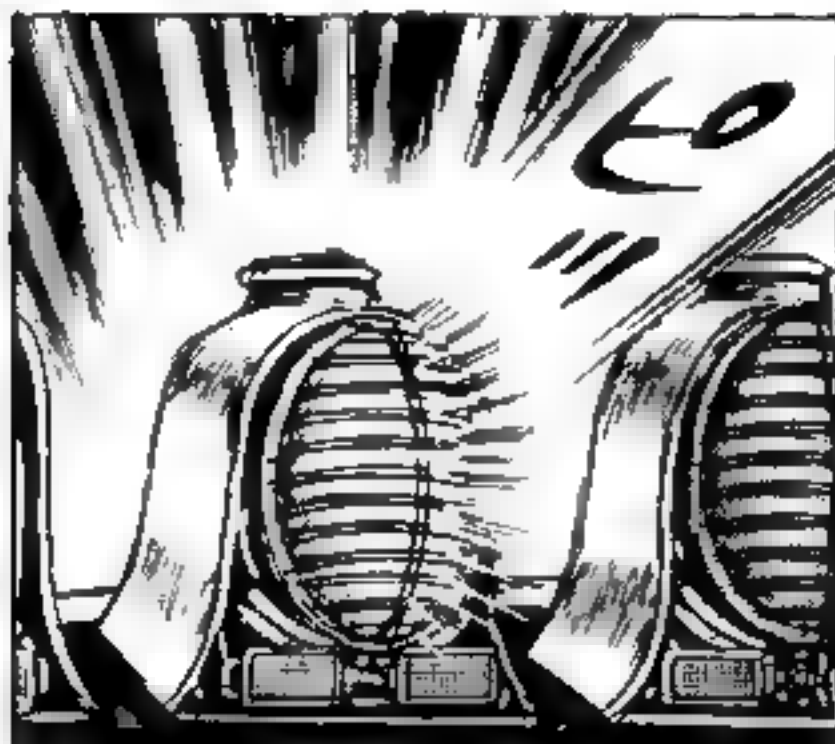


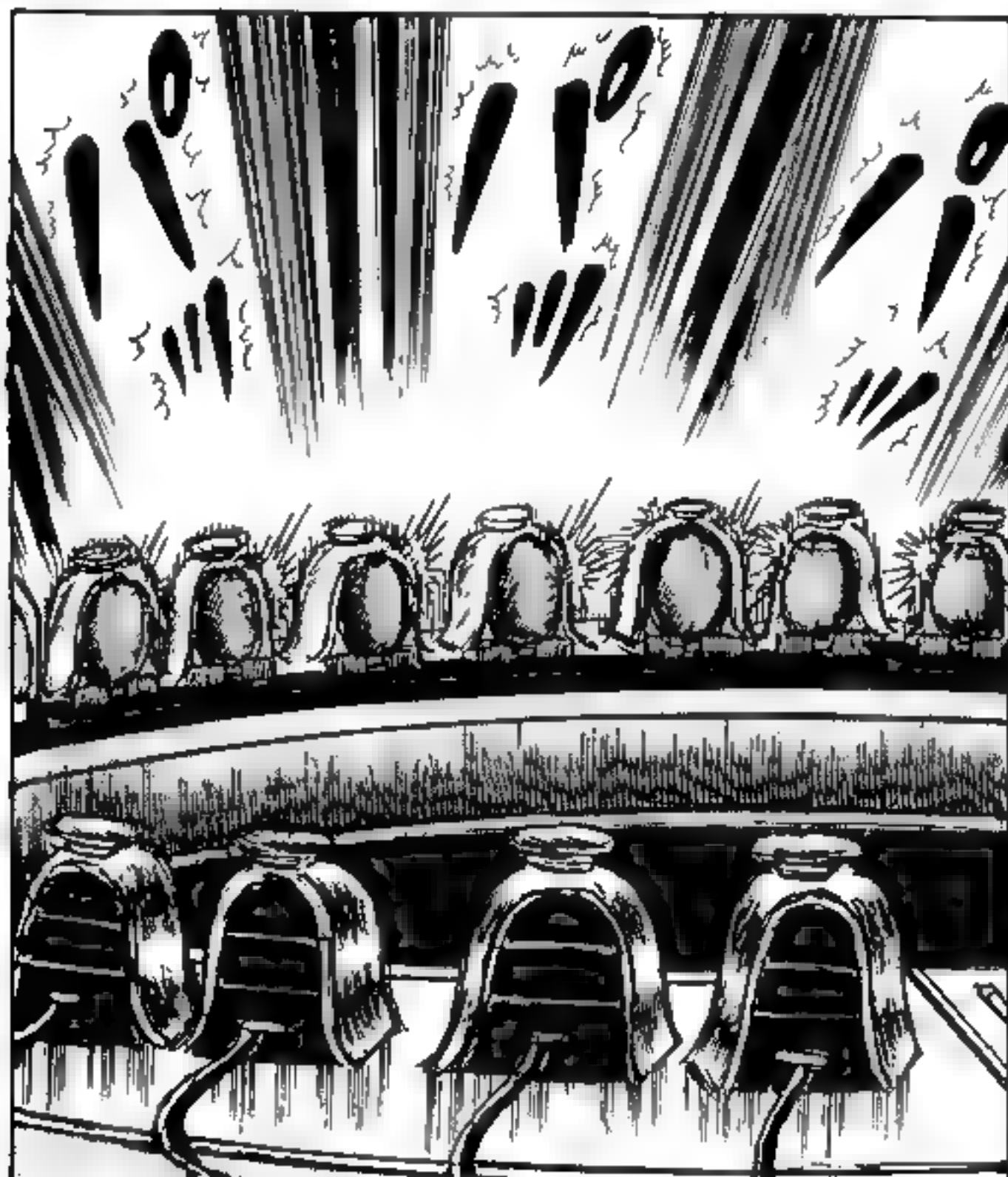
...TREES, GRASS,
UNDERGROUND
FORESTS,
ABOVE-GROUND
FORESTS,
THEY'VE ALL
LOST THEIR
GREEN COLOR
AND DIED!!

ALL OF
THE PLANTS
IN AMERICA
HAVE BEGUN
TO WITHER!!



WE HAVE A
HORRIFYING
REPORT TO
MAKE!!





SFX: SNAP SNAP SNAP.

SFX: CLACK CLACK.



WHAT'S
GOING ON,
MR. PRES-
IDENT?!



EHH?!



ALL OF
THE PLANTS
HAVE STARTED
TO WITHER!!



I AM SORRY
TO HAVE
CALLED YOU
ALL HERE AT
SUCH SHORT
NOTICE,
BUT THIS IS AN
EMERGENCY!!



THE SOS
REPORTED IT,
SO IT MUST
BE TRUE!!



IS THAT
THE
TRUTH?!



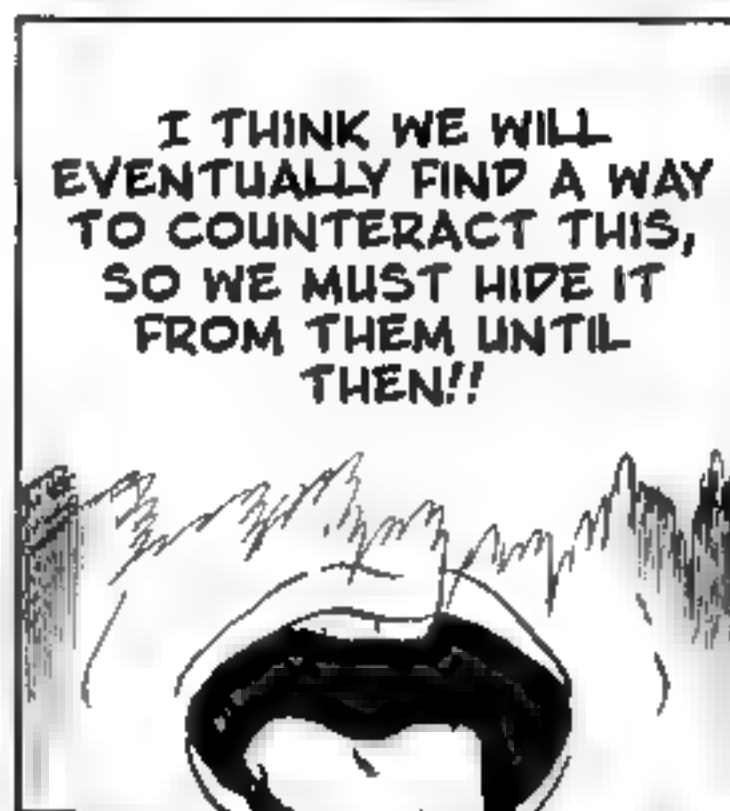
THIS ISN'T
SOMETHING
WE'LL BE ABLE
TO HIDE
FROM THE
PUBLIC'S EYES,
THOUGH!
WE'RE FAR
MORE
CORNERED
THIS TIME!!



WE MUST
ENACT
MEASURES
TO PREVENT
A PANIC
AT ONCE!!



I THINK IT
WOULD BE BETTER
TO CALMLY EXPLAIN
THE TRUTH TO
THE PEOPLE,
WHAT DO YOU
THINK?!



I THINK WE WILL
EVENTUALLY FIND A WAY
TO COUNTERACT THIS,
SO WE MUST HIDE IT
FROM THEM UNTIL
THEN!!



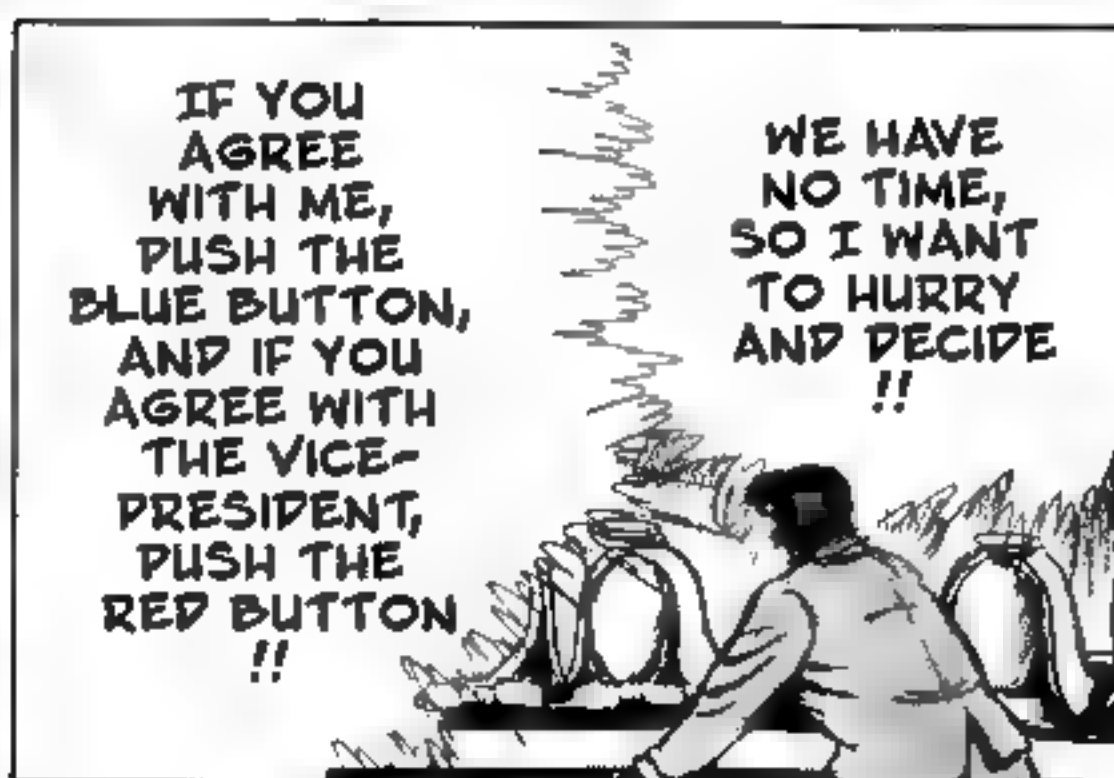
WE MUST
HIDE IT FROM
THEIR EYES,
NO MATTER
WHAT!!



I OBJECT
!!



SFX: SNAP SNAP.



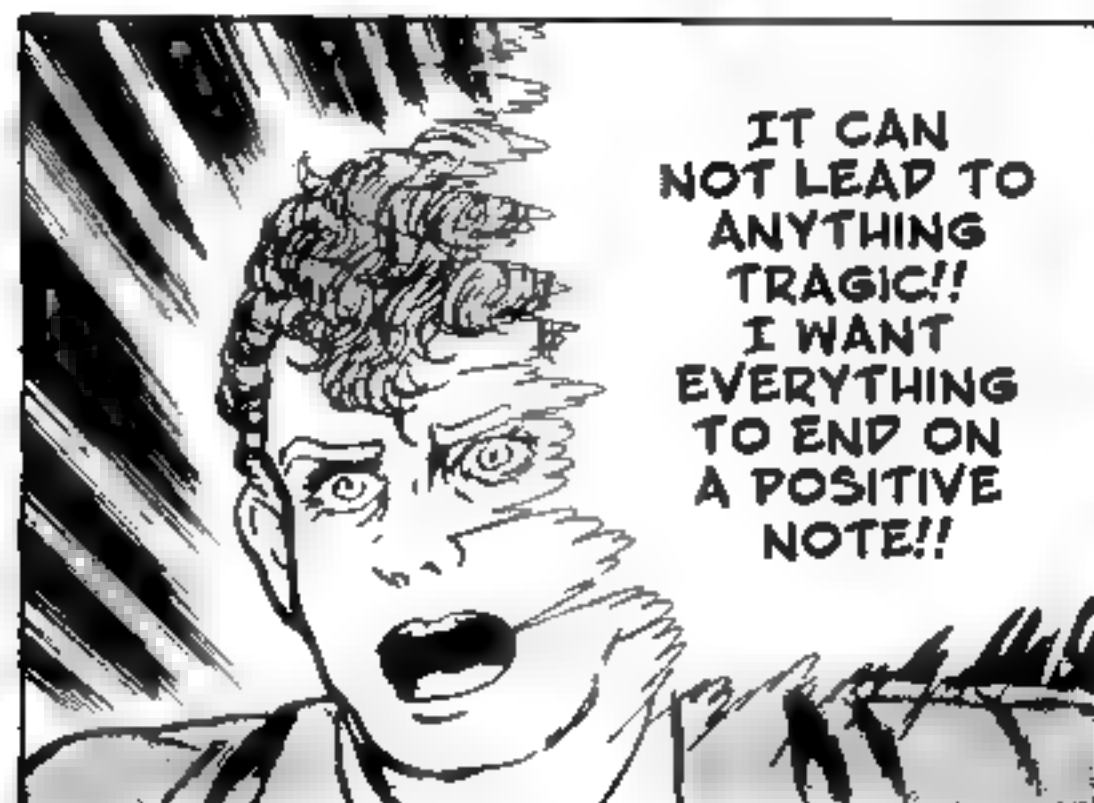
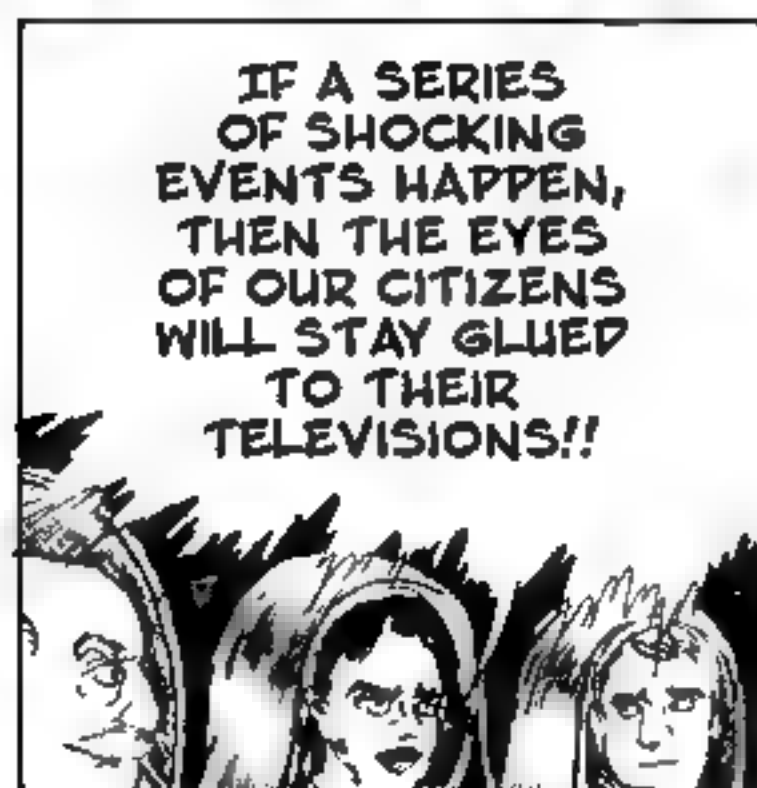
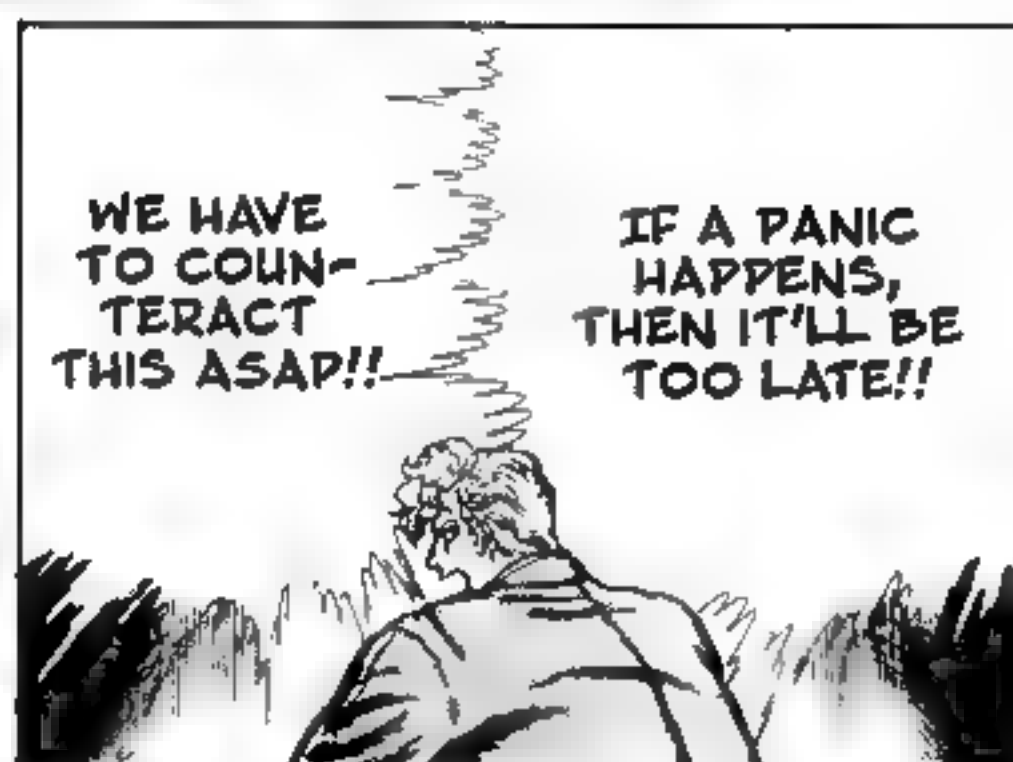
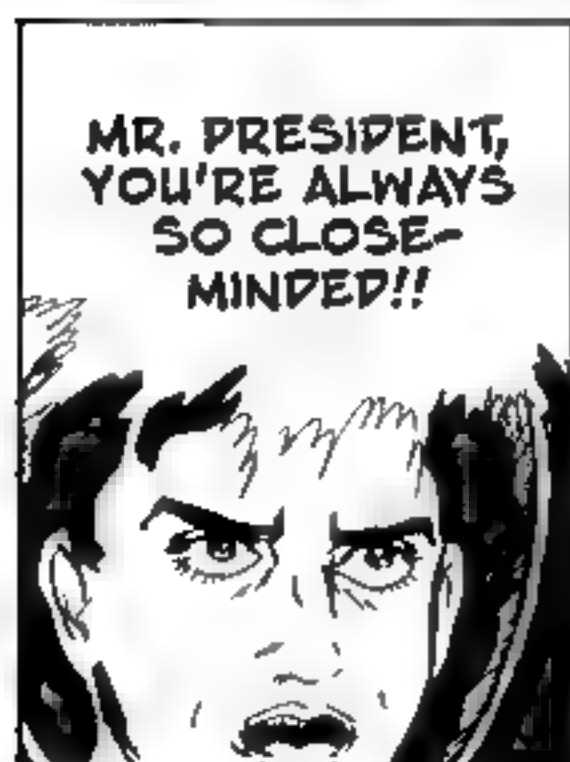
IF YOU
AGREE
WITH ME,
PUSH THE
BLUE BUTTON,
AND IF YOU
AGREE WITH
THE VICE-
PRESIDENT,
PUSH THE
RED BUTTON
!!

WE HAVE
NO TIME,
SO I WANT
TO HURRY
AND DECIDE
!!



EVERYONE
PUSHED
THE RED
BUTTON!!







THERE EXISTS
A CERTAIN MAN,
THE GRANDSON OF
THE MAN WHO
BECAME FAMOUS
FOR CREATING NUMEROUS
PANIC/ACTION MOVIES
SUCH AS "DIE HARD".
I'M SURE YOU'RE
FAMILIAR WITH HIM,
MR. PRESIDENT!!



BUT
FINE,
AS
YOU
WISH
!!

HAHAH!!
YOU THINK
THAT OLD-
FASHIONED
HUMANISM
IS APPLICABLE
HERE?!



I'LL
START UP
SOME
STORIES
AT ONCE!!



IF WE CAN GET HIM TO
WRITE UP SOME STORIES,
THEN I'M SURE
WE WILL BE ABLE
TO KEEP THE PEOPLE'S
EYES GLUED TO THEIR
TELEVISIONS!!
AND IN THE MEANTIME,
WE CAN BUILD UP
ARTIFICIAL GREENERY!!

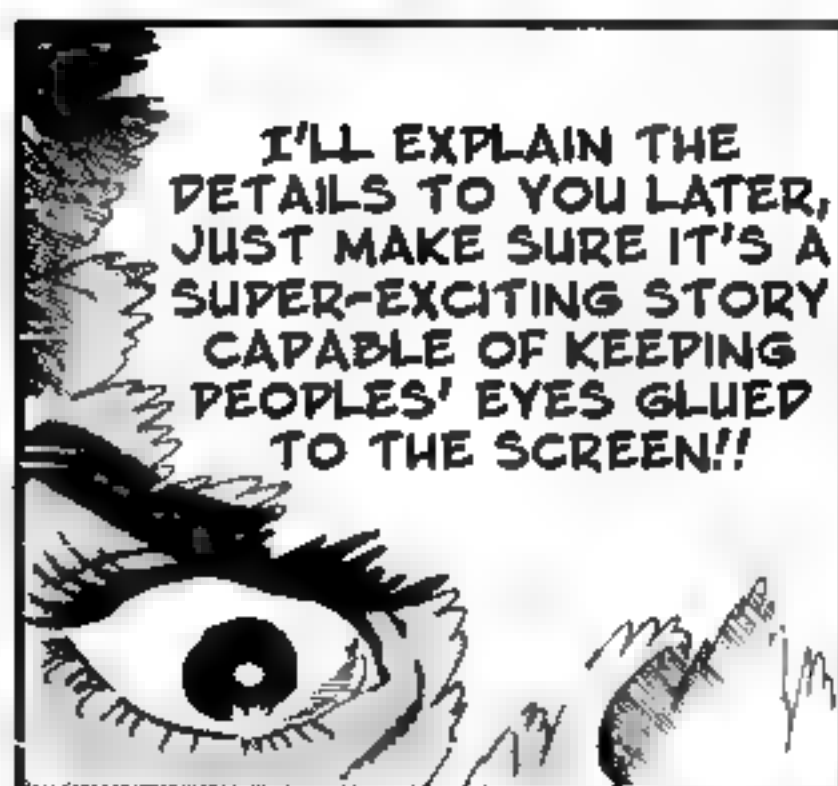
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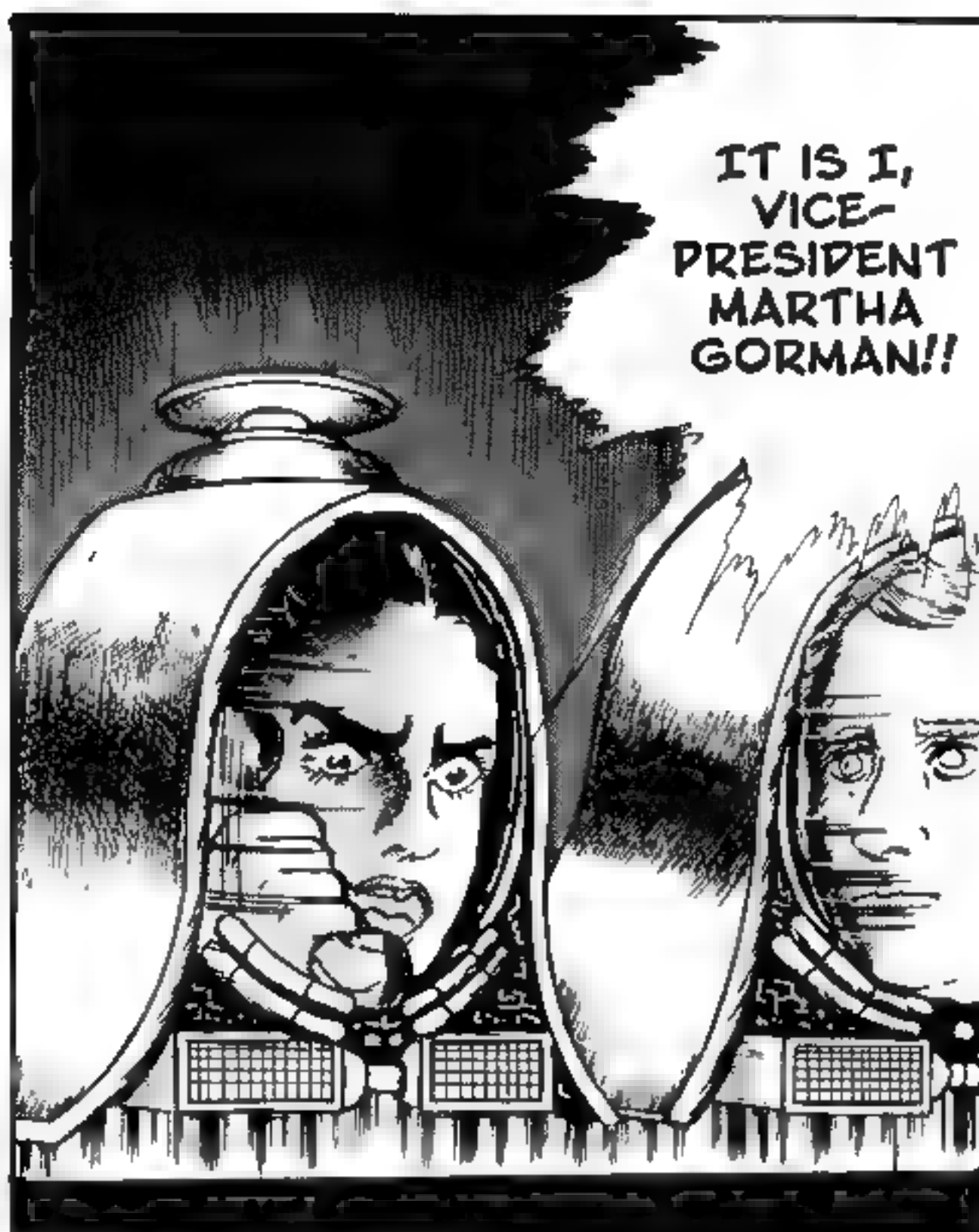




**WRITE UP
A NEW
STORY
THIS
INSTANT
!!**



**I'LL EXPLAIN THE
DETAILS TO YOU LATER,
JUST MAKE SURE IT'S A
SUPER-EXCITING STORY
CAPABLE OF KEEPING
PEOPLES' EYES GLUED
TO THE SCREEN!!**



**IT IS I,
VICE-
PRESIDENT
MARTHA
GORMAN!!**



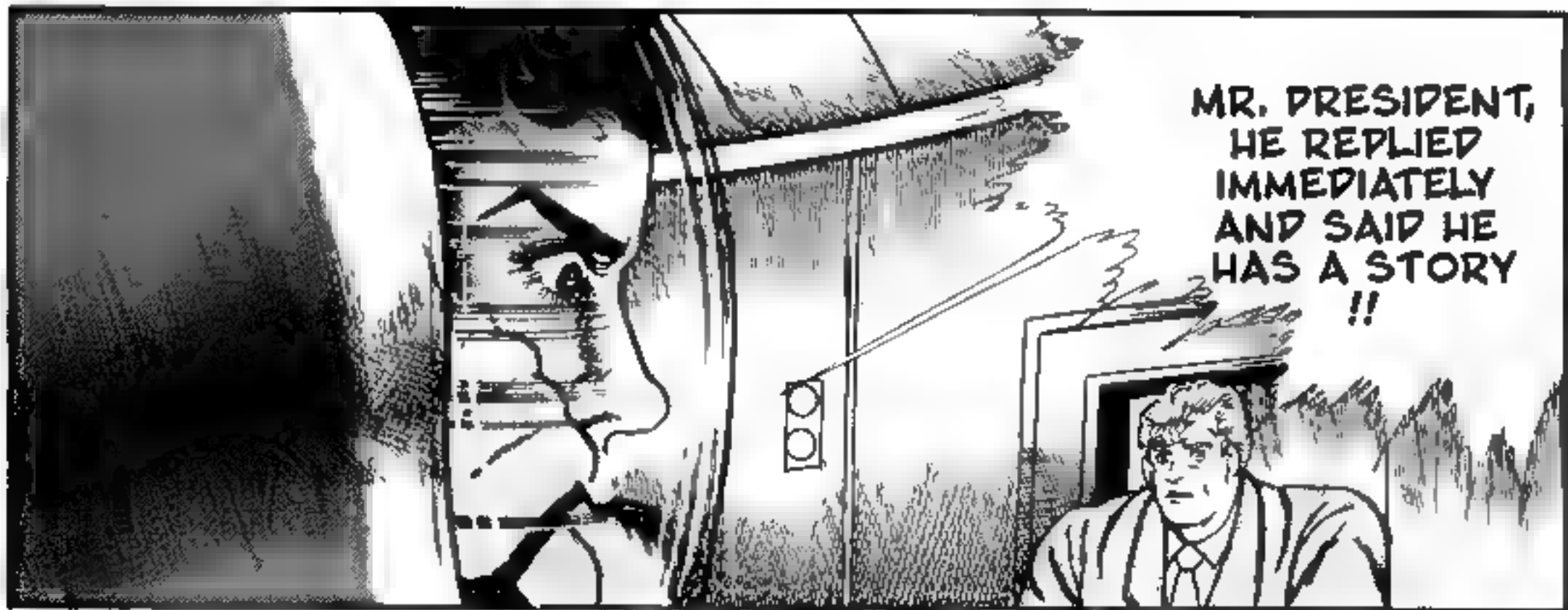
**AND MAKE
SURE THAT IT
DOES NOT
REQUIRE ANY
OUTSIDE
GREENERY TO
BE SHOWN!!**



**AND AN
EXTREMELY
MOVING
STORY!!**



**AND
NOTHING
THAT WILL
MAKE
THEM
THINK OF
PLANTS!!**

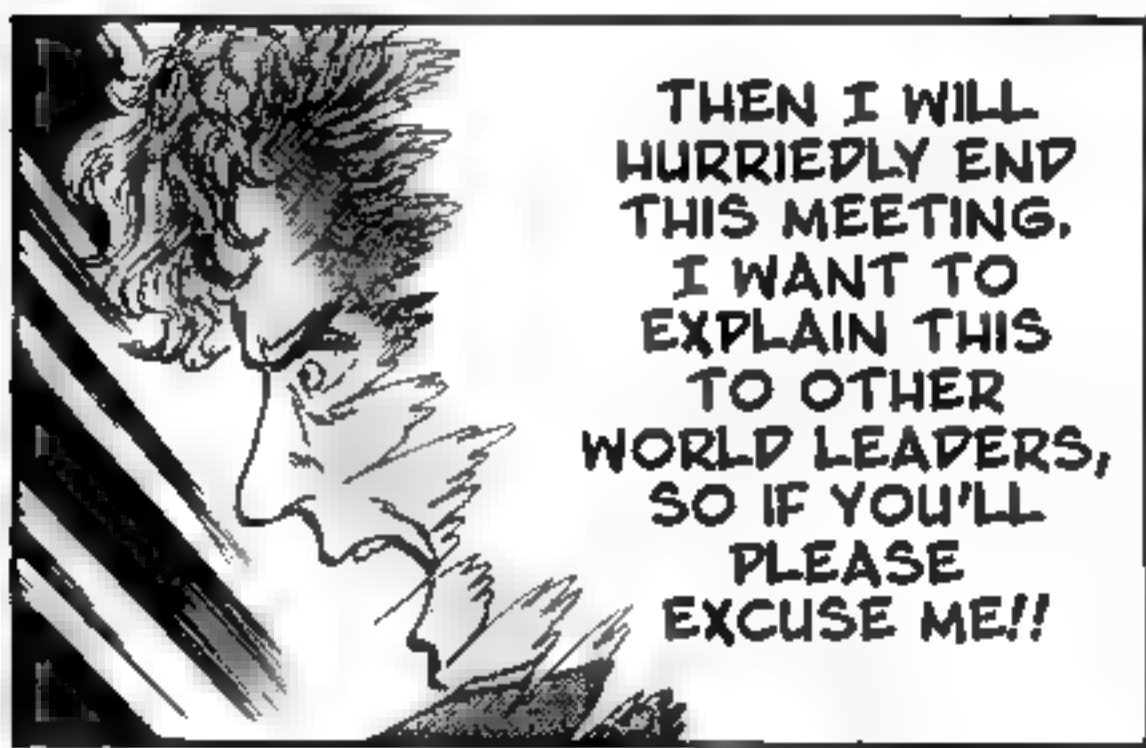


MR. PRESIDENT,
HE REPLIED
IMMEDIATELY
AND SAID HE
HAS A STORY
!!



THERE IS ROOM FOR
A LOT OF RESCUE DRAMA
ON THEIR WAY DOWN
2,000 METERS BELOW
THE EARTH.
IT ALL HAPPENS IN
A HOTEL THAT WAS
BUILT ON TOP OF
ONE OF THE DISPOSAL
SITE'S MAIN PIPELINES
OVER A CARIBBEAN
PLATE!

A BUILDING
CRUMBLES ONTO
A HUGE GARBAGE
DISPOSAL SITE,
WHERE EVERYONE
FALLS INTO A DEEP
CRACK MADE BY
EARTH'S TECTONIC
PLATES,
BUT THEY'RE
SAVED AT THE
LAST MINUTE!!



THEN I WILL
HURRIEDLY END
THIS MEETING.
I WANT TO
EXPLAIN THIS
TO OTHER
WORLD LEADERS,
SO IF YOU'LL
PLEASE
EXCUSE ME!!



DOES
ANYONE
HAVE ANY
OTHER
OBJECT-
IONS?!

OKAY,
LET'S
GO WITH
THAT!!



I WILL SWITCH
THE CODE OVER TO
ALL OF THEM, SIR.
I'M SURE THEY'RE
ALL WAITING!!



I MUST
SPEAK WITH
THE OTHER
WORLD
LEADERS!!



PRESIDENT
YOUNG,
SORRY
ABOUT
EARLIER.
IT'S
MISAKI
FROM
JAPAN.



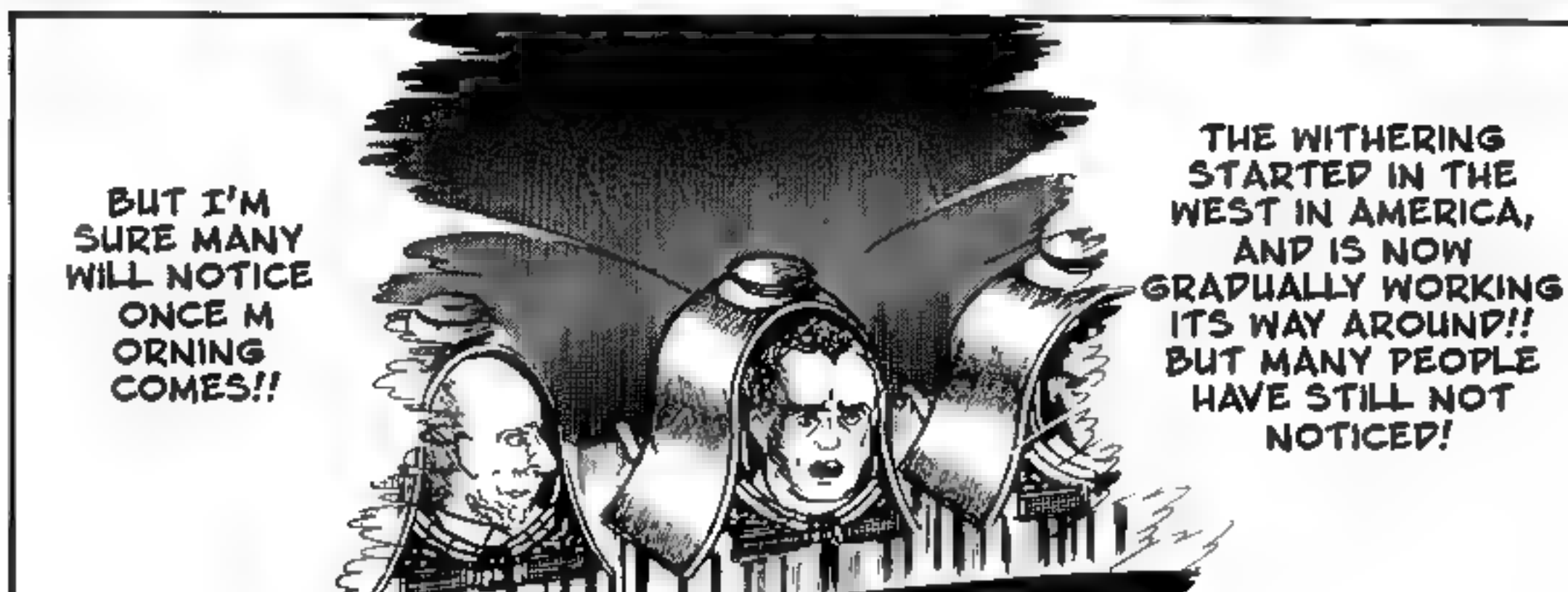
THE SAME
THING IS
HAPPENING
IN EUROPE!!



ALL OF
THE PLANTS
ARE WITHERING
HERE TOO!!



PRESIDENT
JOUR FROM
FRANCE
HERE!!



BUT I'M
SURE MANY
WILL NOTICE
ONCE M
ORNING
COMES!!

THE WITHERING
STARTED IN THE
WEST IN AMERICA,
AND IS NOW
GRADUALLY WORKING
ITS WAY AROUND!!
BUT MANY PEOPLE
HAVE STILL NOT
NOTICED!



AND IN
THE JUNGLE
OF INDO-
NESIA!!



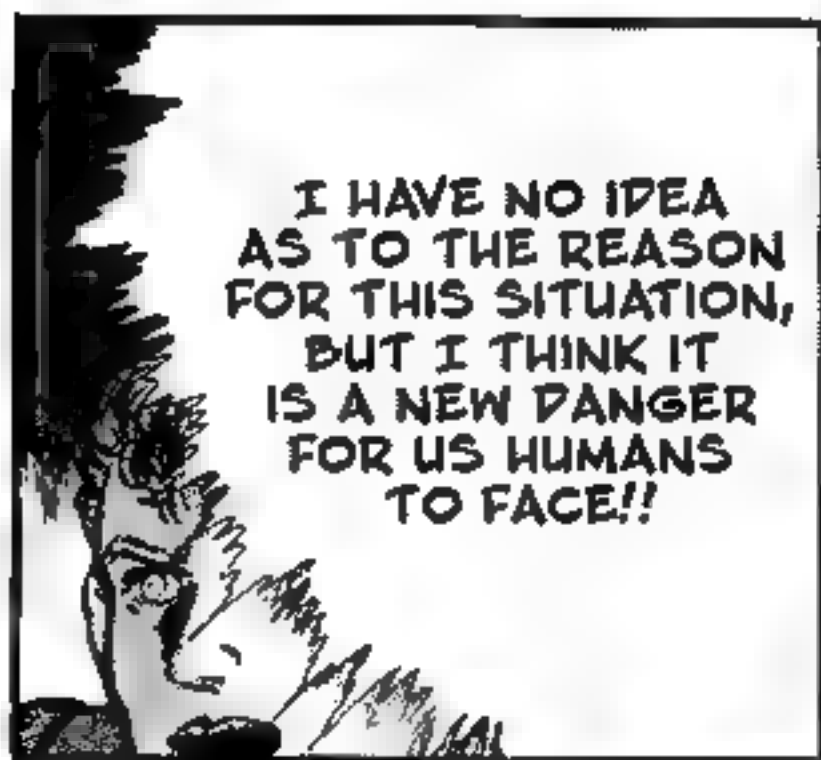
AND IN
AUSTRIA!!



THE
SAME
THING IS
HAPP-
ENING
IN AFRICA
!!



THANK YOU ALL
FOR JOINING ME
IN THIS EMERGENCY
MEETING TODAY!!



I HAVE NO IDEA
AS TO THE REASON
FOR THIS SITUATION,
BUT I THINK IT
IS A NEW DANGER
FOR US HUMANS
TO FACE!!



WE HAVE
NO CHOICE
BUT TO LOOK
AT THIS AS
A WORLDWIDE
DANGER!!



PLEASE TRY
AND BROADCAST
SHOCKING NEWS
IN ORDER TO
KEEP THE
PEOPLE'S EYES
OFF THE
WITHERING
OF NATURE.

THEREFORE
I WOULD LIKE
TO ASK FOR
ALL YOUR HELP
!!



EVEN IF
THIS IS
ONLY A
TEMPORARY
THING,
IT WILL
STILL CAUSE
A PANIC!!

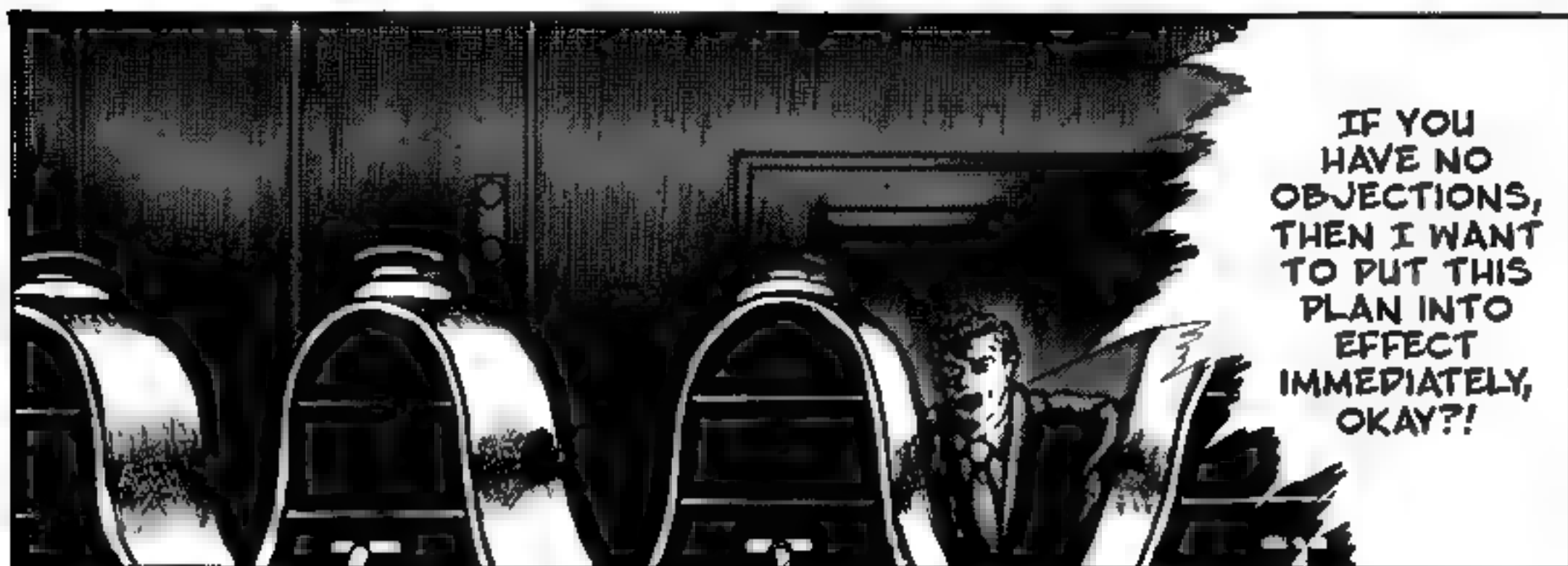
LUCKILY,
WE HAVE
SURVEIL-
LANCE
TVS
POSITIONED
IN THE
DISPOSAL
TUNNELS,
SO THAT
EVERYTHING
CAN BE
SEEN FROM
ABOVE!!

AS I'M SURE
YOU ALL KNOW,
IN OUR COUNTRY WE HAVE
BUILT GARBAGE DISPOSAL
SITES OVER
TECTONIC PLATES,
AND THEN PIPELINE
MAGMA THROUGH
TO BURN UP THE RUBBISH!
IF SOMEONE IS
CAUGHT UP IN THERE,
ESCAPE IS
IMPOSSIBLE!!

ON MY END,
WE HAVE CREATED
A STORY WHERE
A HOTEL FALLS
2000 FEET
BELOW THE EARTH,
AND ARE SAVED
AT THE LAST
MINUTE!



IF YOU
HAVE NO
OBJECTIONS,
THEN I WANT
TO PUT THIS
PLAN INTO
EFFECT
IMMEDIATELY,
OKAY?!



REGAR-
DING
THAT,
...



ARE YOU
REALLY
GOING TO
CAUSE AN
ACCIDENT
LIKE THAT
?!



CHINA HERE,
DON'T YOU
THINK THERE
ARE MORAL
PROBLEMS WITH
THAT PLAN?!

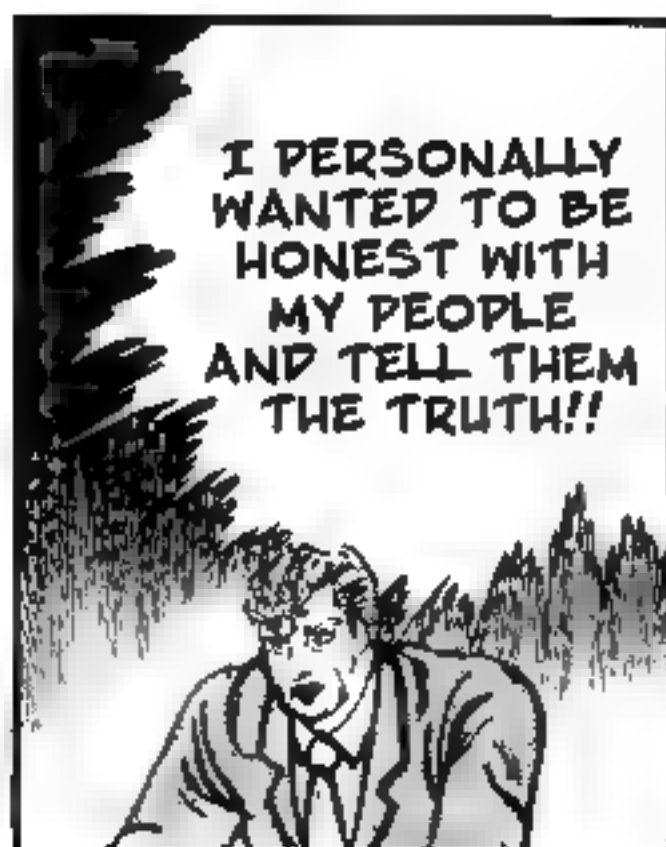




THEREFORE,
WE HAVE
COME UP
WITH THIS
SOLUTION
IN ORDER
TO AVOID A
GREATER
PANIC!!



HOWEVER,
IT HAS BEEN
DETERMINED
THAT THIS
SITUATION IS
SOMETHING
THAT DEFIES
UNDER-
STANDING!



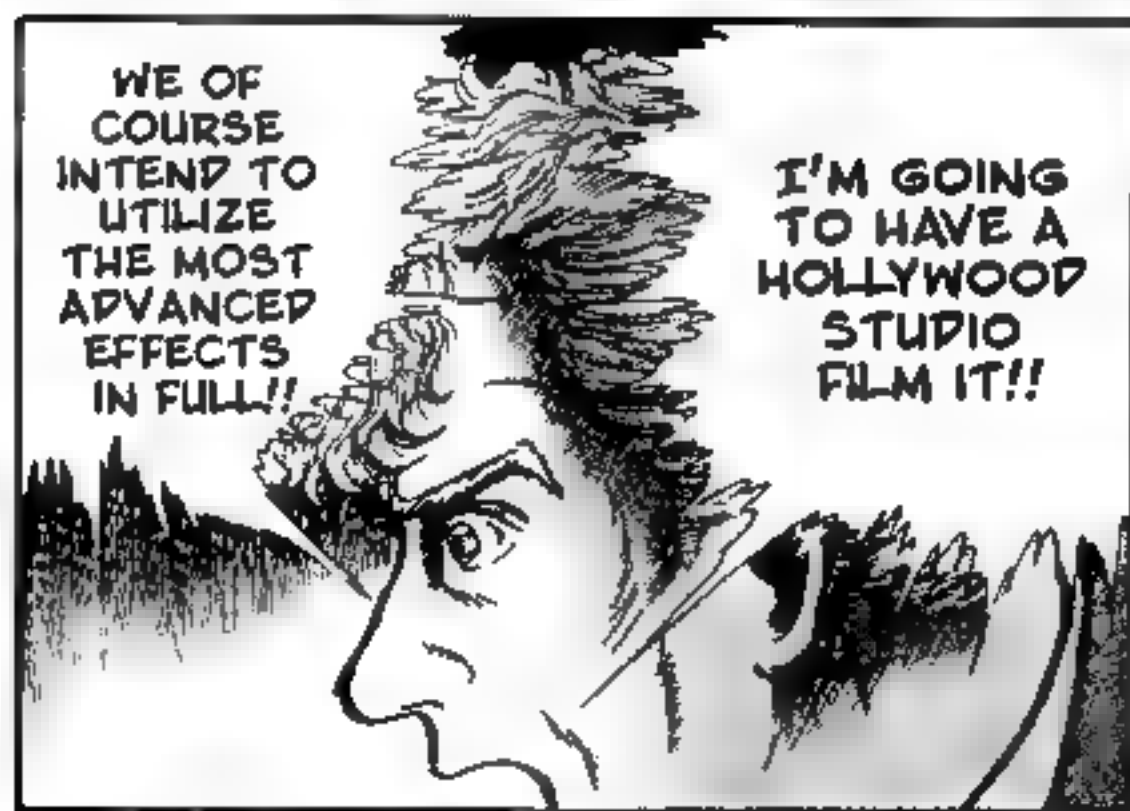
I PERSONALLY
WANTED TO BE
HONEST WITH
MY PEOPLE
AND TELL THEM
THE TRUTH!!



KIM FROM
KOREA HERE.
AREN'T YOU
AFRAID OF PEOPLE
FINDING OUT
THAT IT'S
A TRICK?!

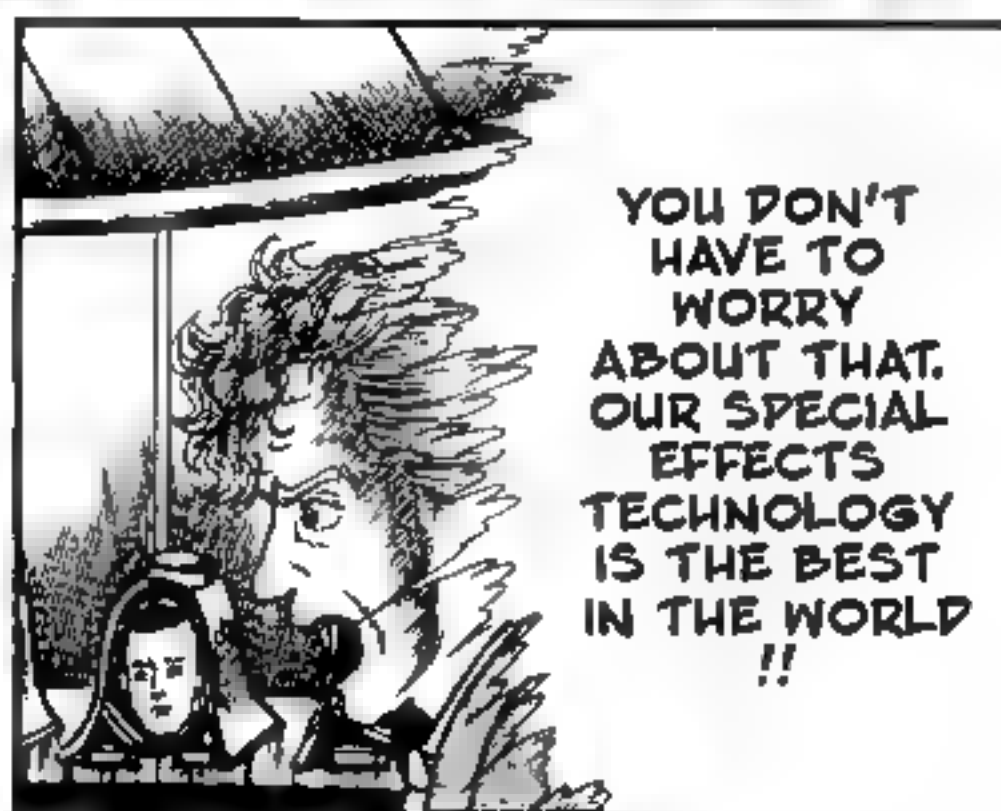


THIS IS NO
MORE THAN
A TRICK!!
NOT A REAL
EVENT!!



WE OF
COURSE
INTEND TO
UTILIZE
THE MOST
ADVANCED
EFFECTS
IN FULL!!

I'M GOING
TO HAVE A
HOLLYWOOD
STUDIO
FILM IT!!



YOU DON'T
HAVE TO
WORRY
ABOUT THAT.
OUR SPECIAL
EFFECTS
TECHNOLOGY
IS THE BEST
IN THE WORLD
!!



AND US
TOO!!

AND IN
INDIA!!

WE TOO
IN RUSSIA
!!

UNDERSTOOD
THEN WE WILL
START TO
CREATE SIMILAR
BROADCASTS!!



I WANT TO KEEP IN
CONTACT FROM HERE
ON OUT TO MAKE SURE
WE CAN GET TO THE
BOTTOM OF THIS AS
FAST AS POSSIBLE.
I'M COUNTING ON
YOU ALL!!

OKAY
!!

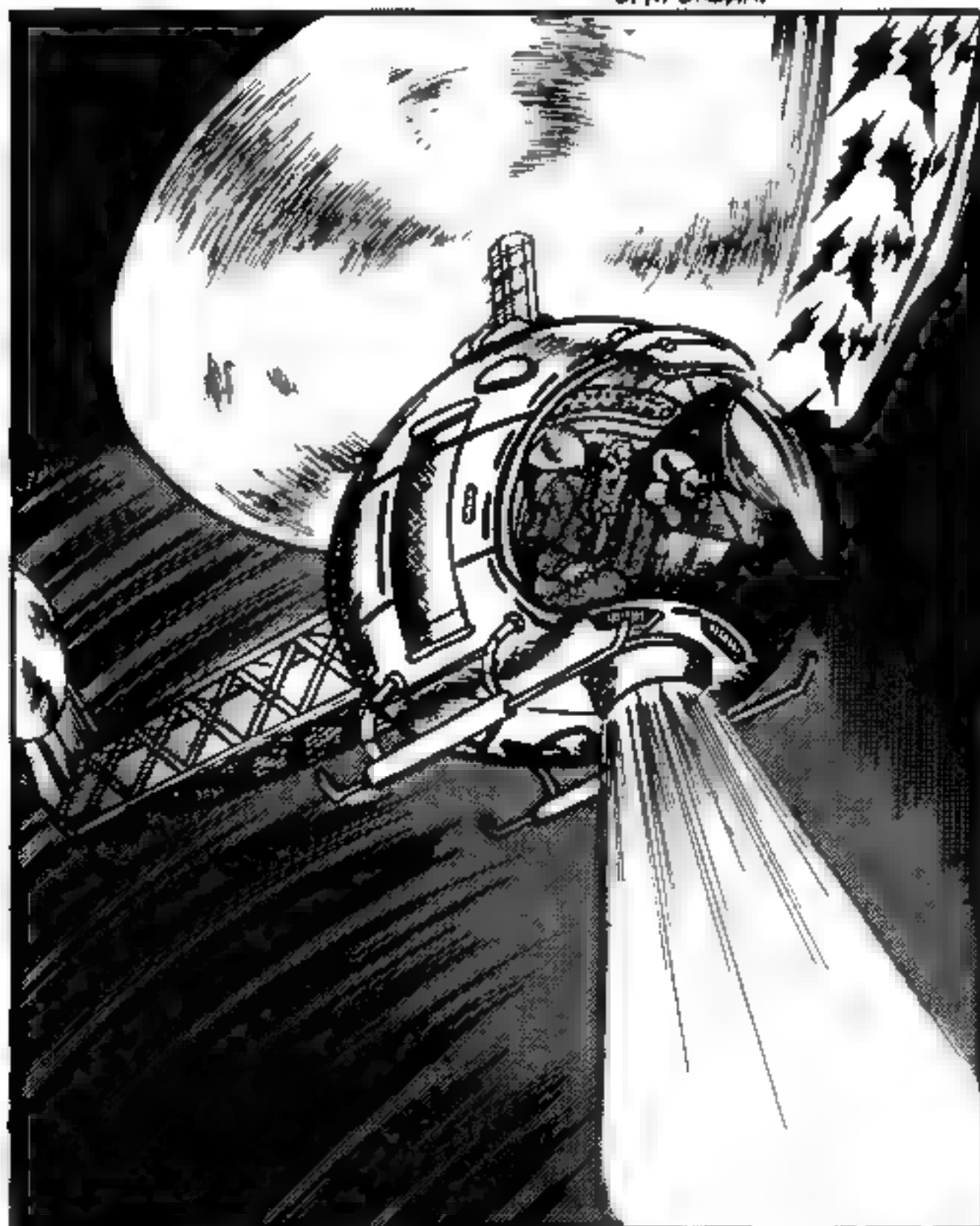


SFX: CREAK.



YES,
SIR!!

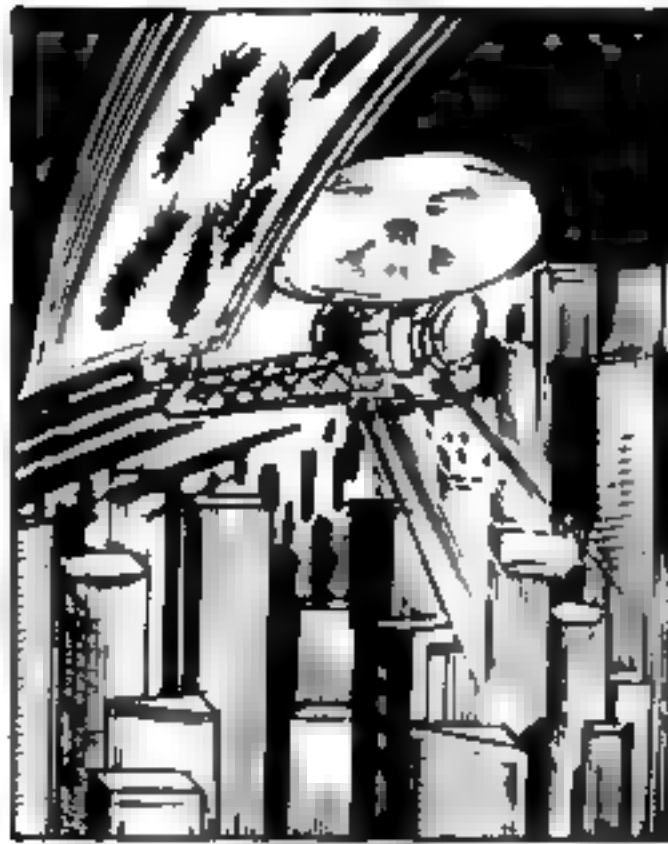
NOW, CAROLUS!
I WANT TO SEE
WHAT'S HAPPENING TO
THESE PLANTS WITH
MY OWN EYES!!



SFX: BABABA.



SFX: RUMBLE.



SFX. BABABA.



SFX. BABABA.



ALL THE
TREES
IN THE
CITY ARE
WITHERED
!!



SFX: BABABA.

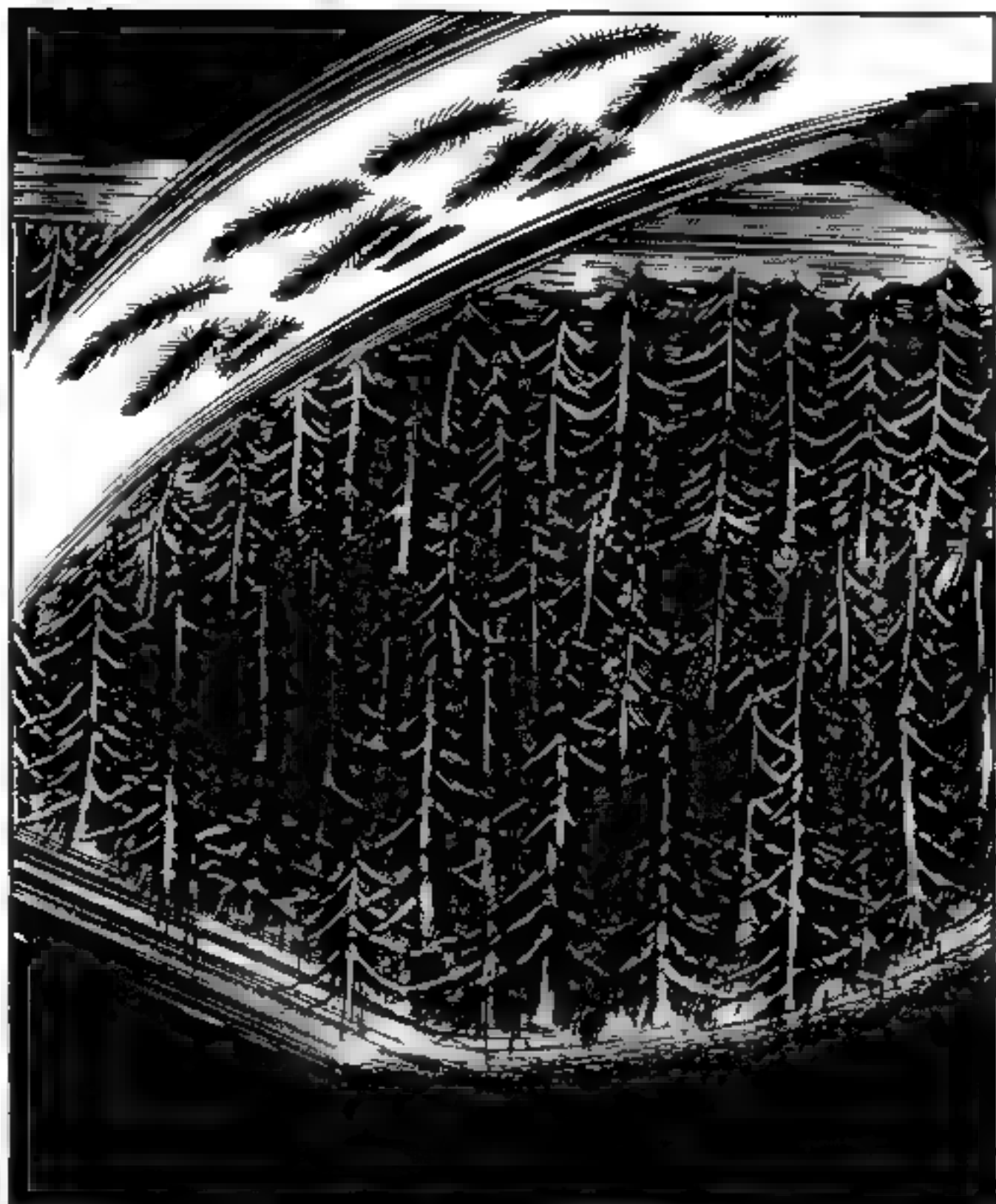




SFX: BABABA.

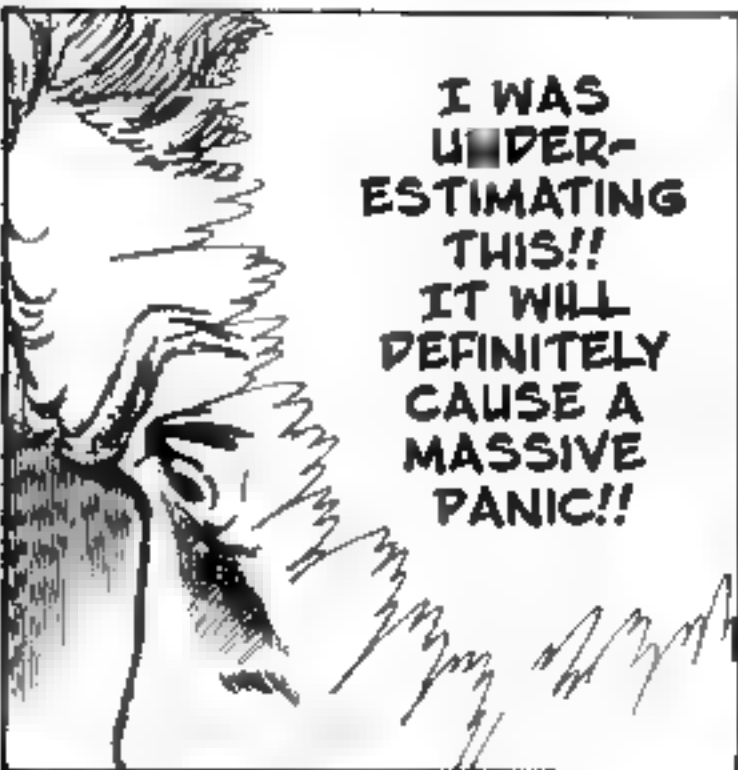


THE
ROCKY
MOUNTAIN
FOREST
IS COM-
PLETELY
DEAD!!

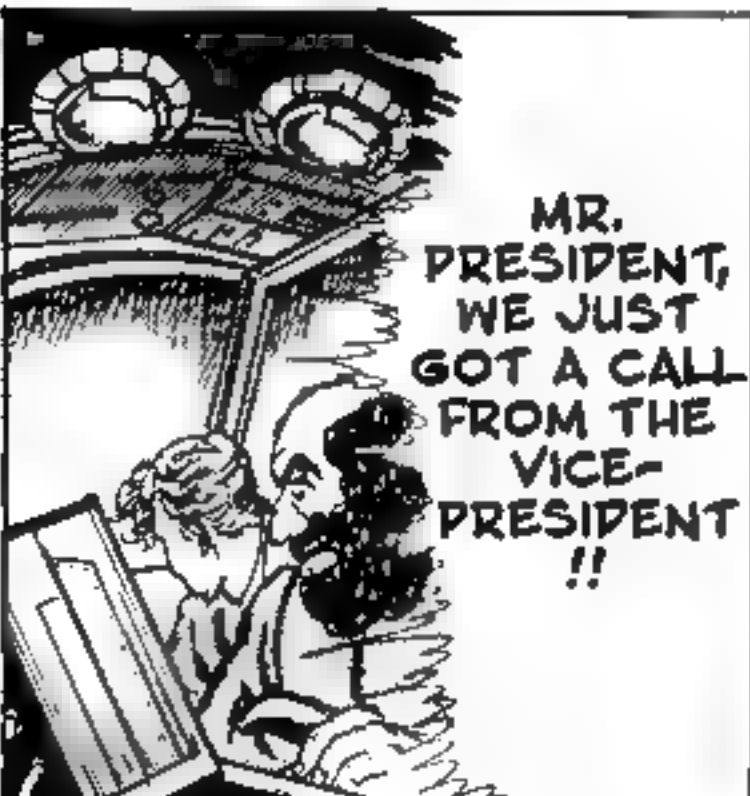


UWAAA-
AHHHHH
!!

SFX: BABABA.



SFX: BABABA.





WE ARE ABOUT
TO BEGIN THE
SCENE WHERE
THE HOTEL FALLS
INTO THE
GARBAGE
DISPOSAL
SITE!!



MR.
PRESIDENT,
IT IS I,
VICE-
PRESIDENT
MARTHA!!



SFX: SNAP.



EHH
?!



WAIT!!
YOU'RE
NOT
GOING
TO USE A
STUDIO
?!



THE
TRUTH IS,
WE HAVE
DECIDED TO
FILM THIS
AS A DOCU-
MENTARY
WITHOUT
USING ANY
SPECIAL
EFFECTS!!

OF COURSE,
THE PEOPLE
OF THE HOTEL
ARE STILL ASLEEP
AND HAVE NO
IDEA WHAT IS
HAPPENING!!



W-WHAT
?!



THIS WILL BE
100% REAL,
INCLUDING
THE HOTEL
AND THE
PEOPLE
SLEEPING
THERE!



THAT WON'T
BE ENOUGH
TO SHOCK
THE WORLD!!

WHILE THE WORLD HAS
THEIR EYES ON THAT,
WE WILL INSTANTLY CREATE
ARTIFICIAL GREENERY AND
INSTALL IT IN PLACE.
WITH THIS, STANDBY IS OK.
I WILL NOW SHOW YOU
THE SCENE ITSELF!!

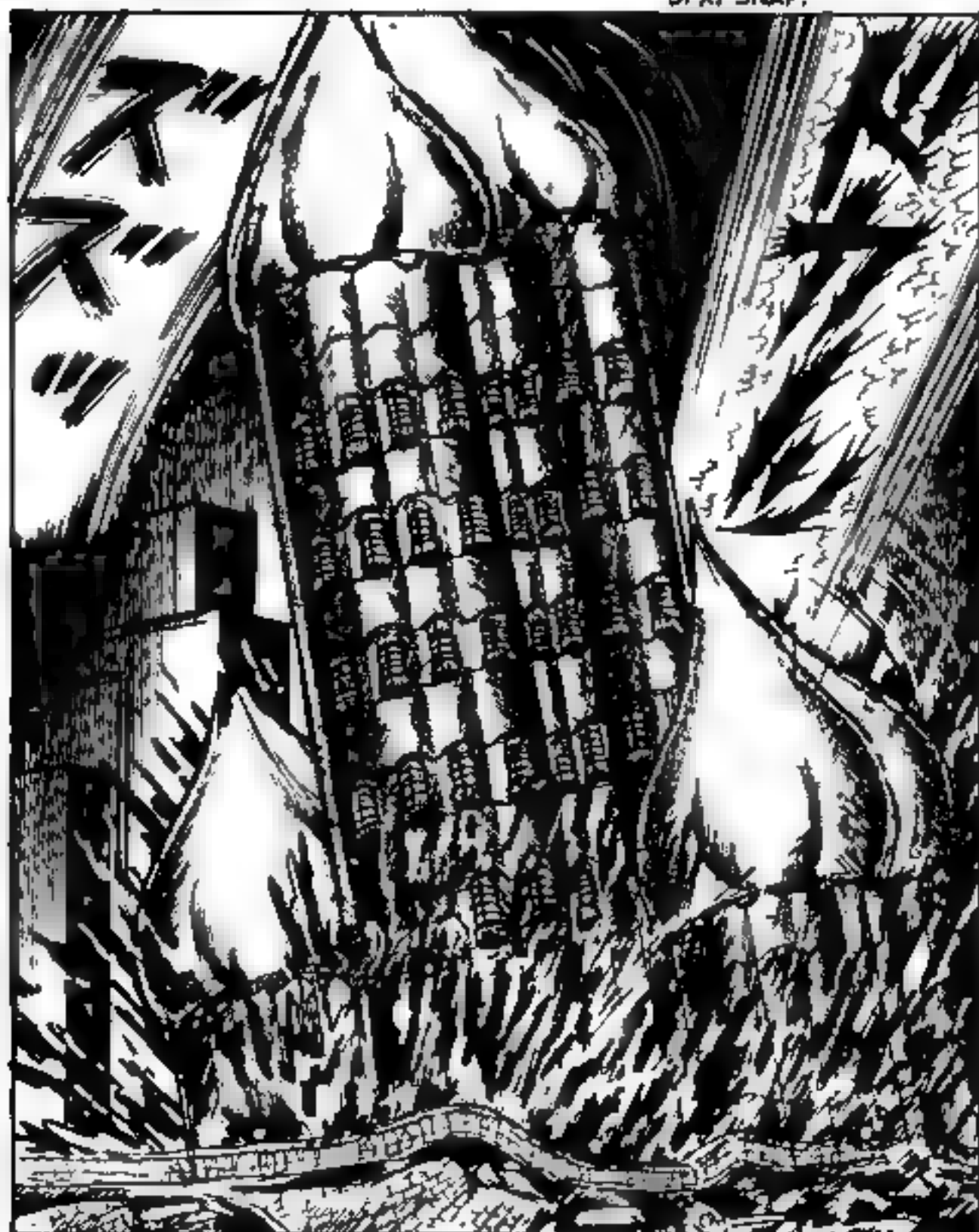


BUT THAT ALONE WILL NOT
BE ENOUGH TO CREATE THE
KIND OF STIR WE'RE LOOKING FOR,
SO WE MADE IT SO THAT
THE FAMILIES OF THE PEOPLE
IN THE RESCUE TEAM WILL
BE VISITING THE HOTEL AT
THE MOMENT OF THE DISASTER.
THE MINUTE THEY ENTER THE HOTEL,
A TERRORIST BOMBING WILL
BEGIN AND SINK THE HOTEL
INTO THE EARTH,
RIGHT INTO A RIVER OF TRASH!!



WAIT A
MINUTE
!!

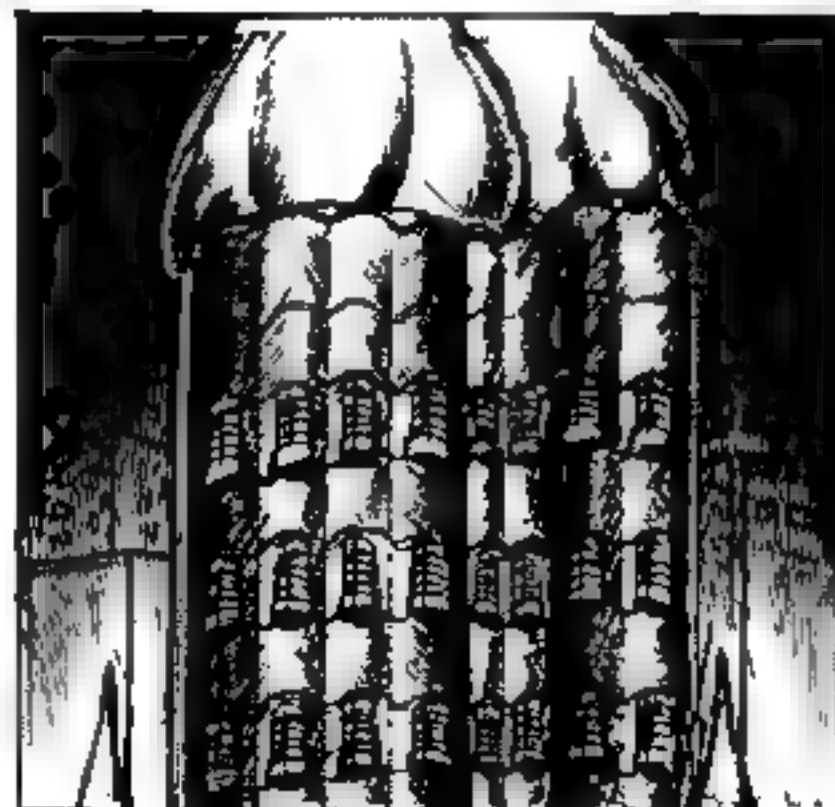
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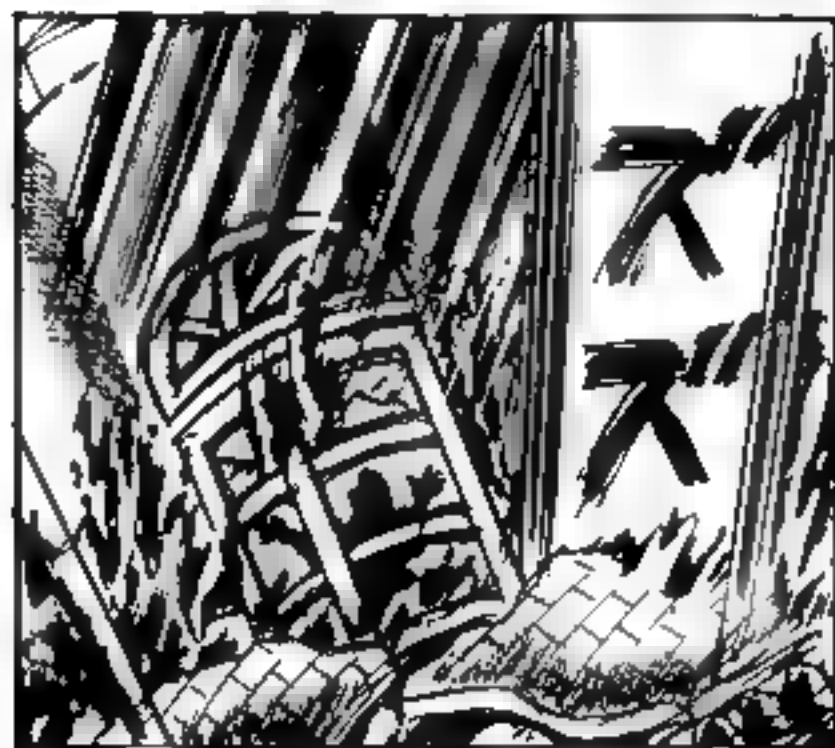
SFX: ZUZUH.



AHHH
!!



SFX: BOOM.



SFX: ZUZUZU.



SFX: ZUZUZU.



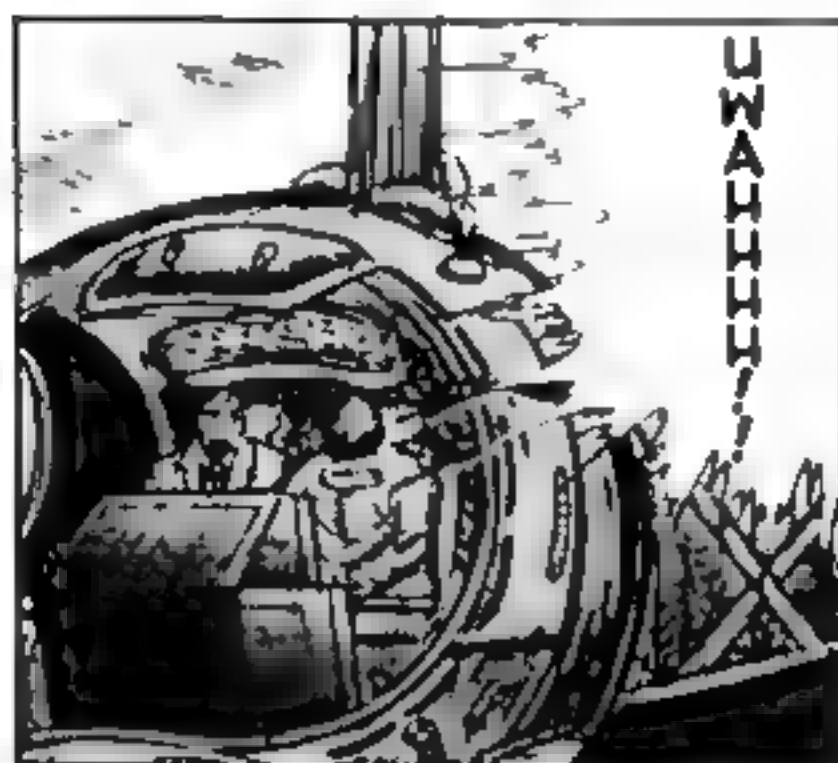
SFX: CRASH.



GYAAA-AHHH!!



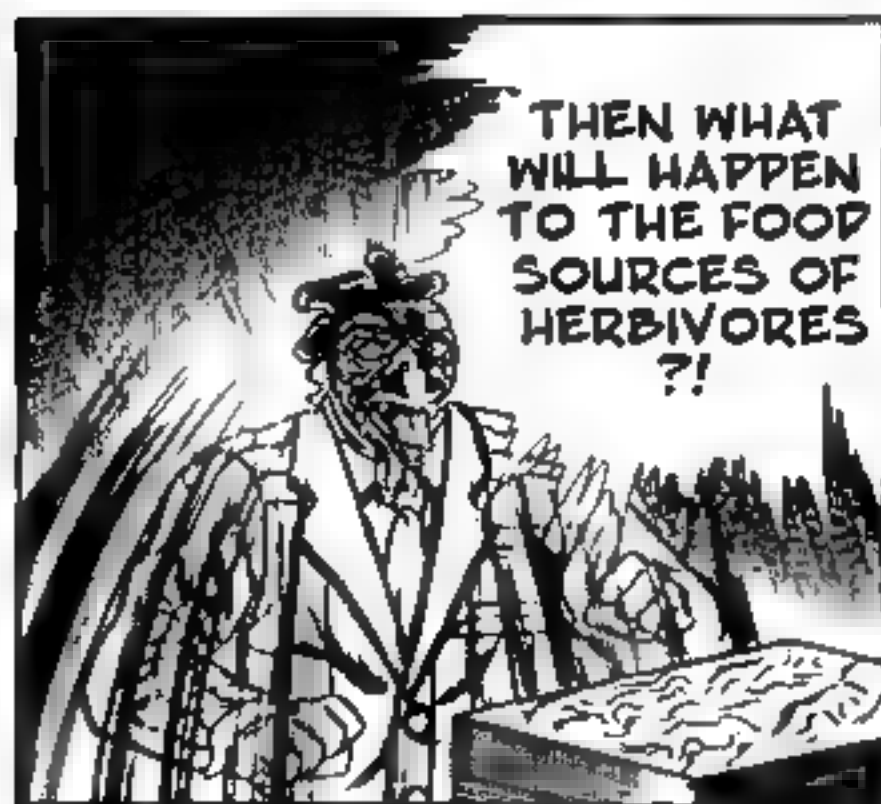
SFX BABABA.

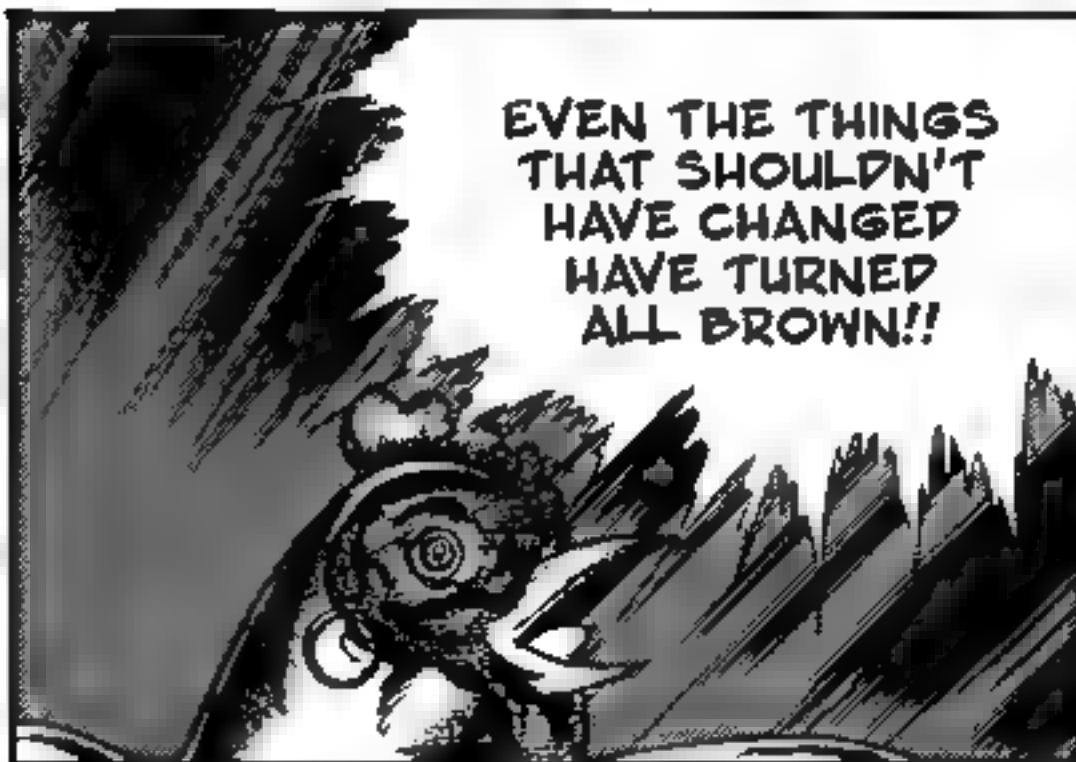
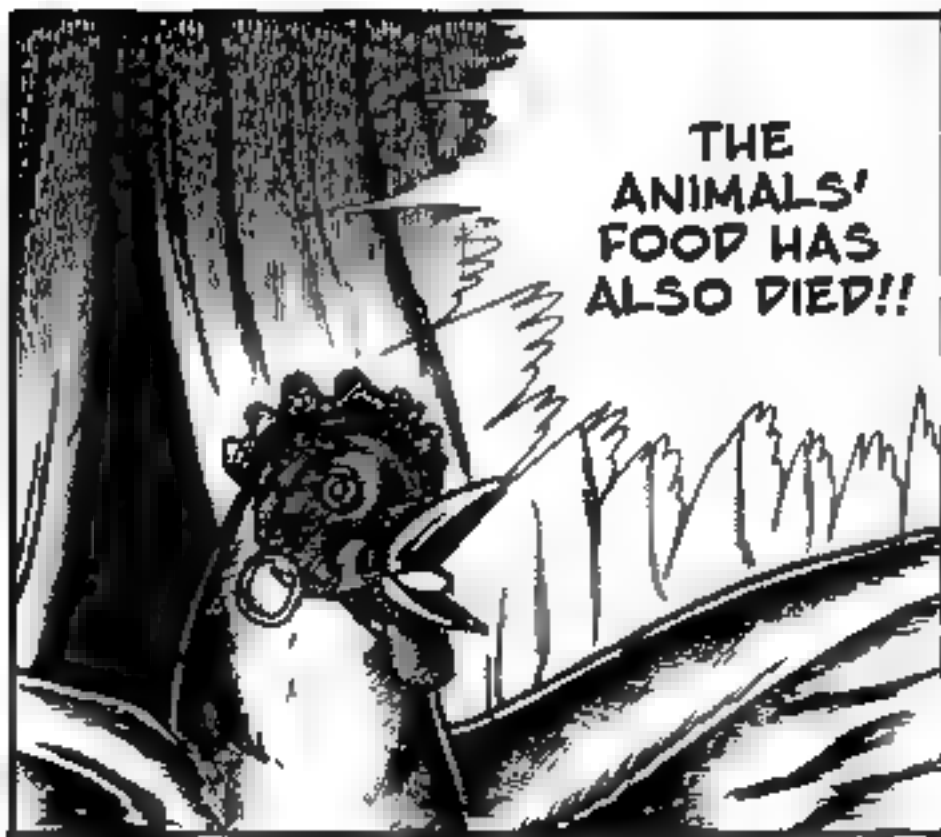


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SFX: GOHHHHHH.



SFX: SHOO.



S-SO THAT'S
WHY THE ANIMALS
WERE MAKING
SO MUCH NOISE!!



SFX: GYAAAAHHH.



RIDICULOUS
!!

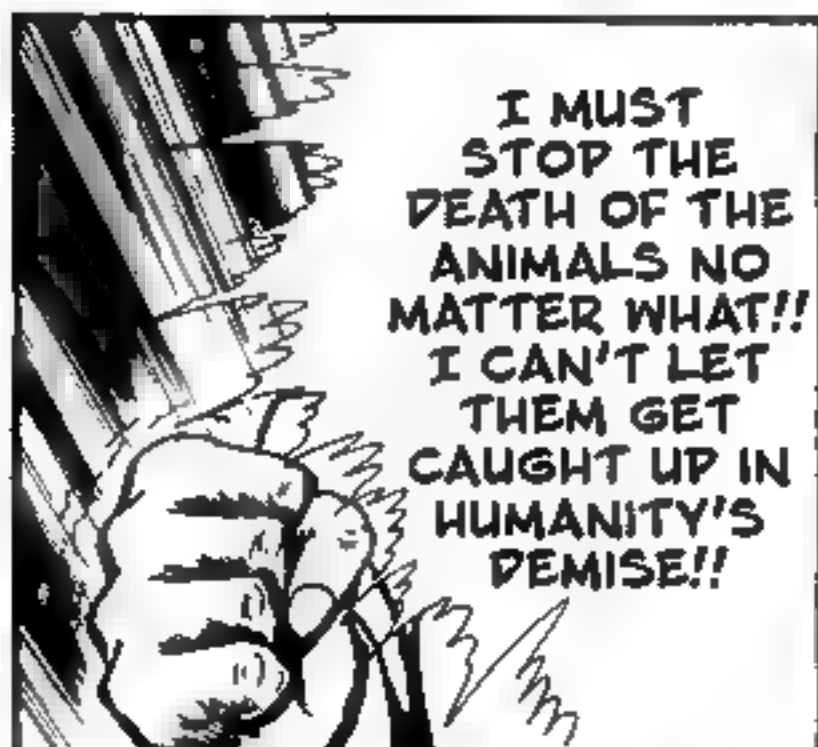


WILL WE
ALL DIE
BEFORE WE
HAVE A
CHANCE TO
ESCAPE
FROM THE
HUMANS?!

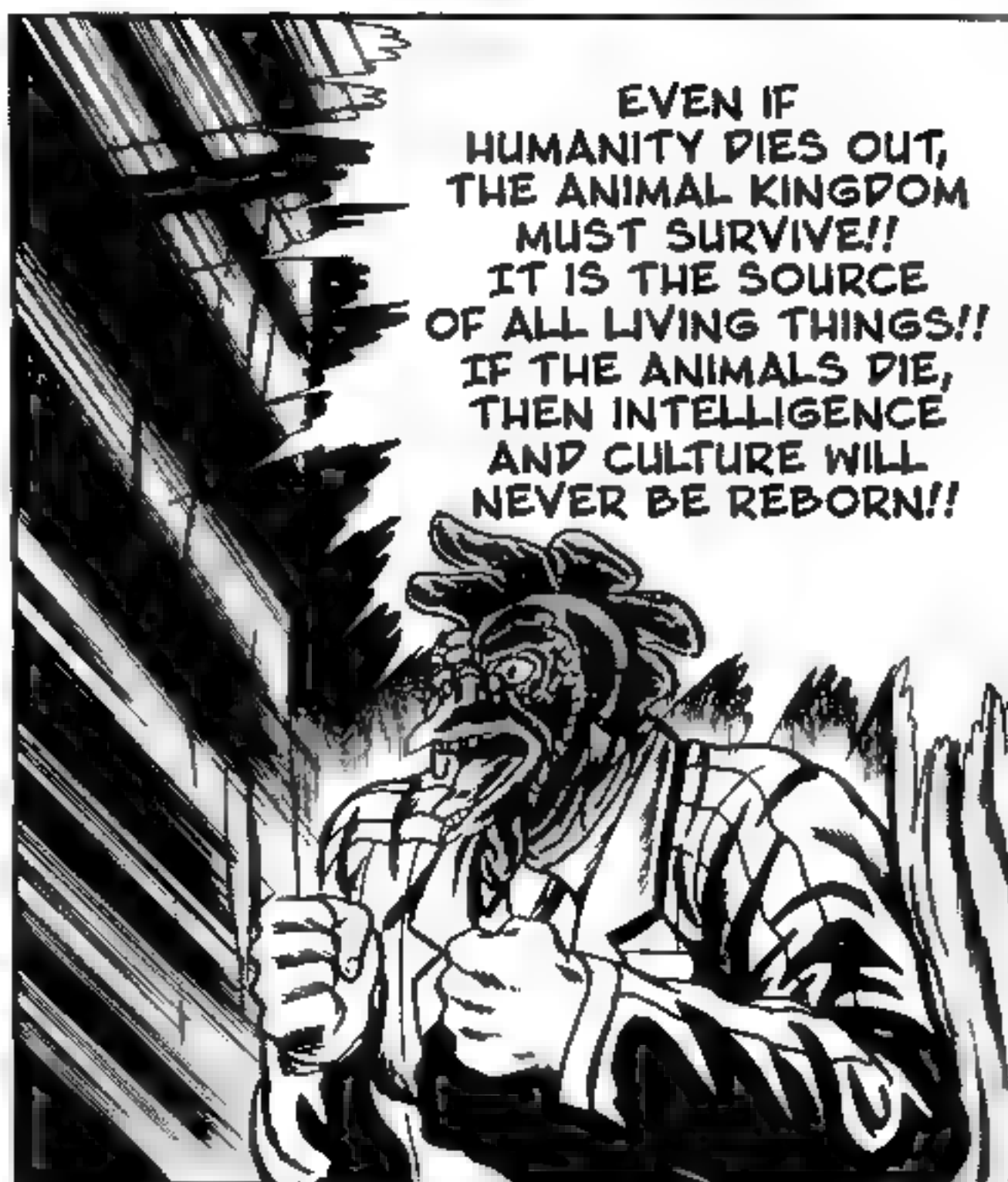


IT
CANNOT
BE
ALLOWED
!!

THE
ANIMALS
MUST
NOT DIE
OUT!!



I MUST
STOP THE
DEATH OF THE
ANIMALS NO
MATTER WHAT!!
I CAN'T LET
THEM GET
CAUGHT UP IN
HUMANITY'S
DEMISE!!



EVEN IF
HUMANITY DIES OUT,
THE ANIMAL KINGDOM
MUST SURVIVE!!
IT IS THE SOURCE
OF ALL LIVING THINGS!!
IF THE ANIMALS DIE,
THEN INTELLIGENCE
AND CULTURE WILL
NEVER BE REBORN!!



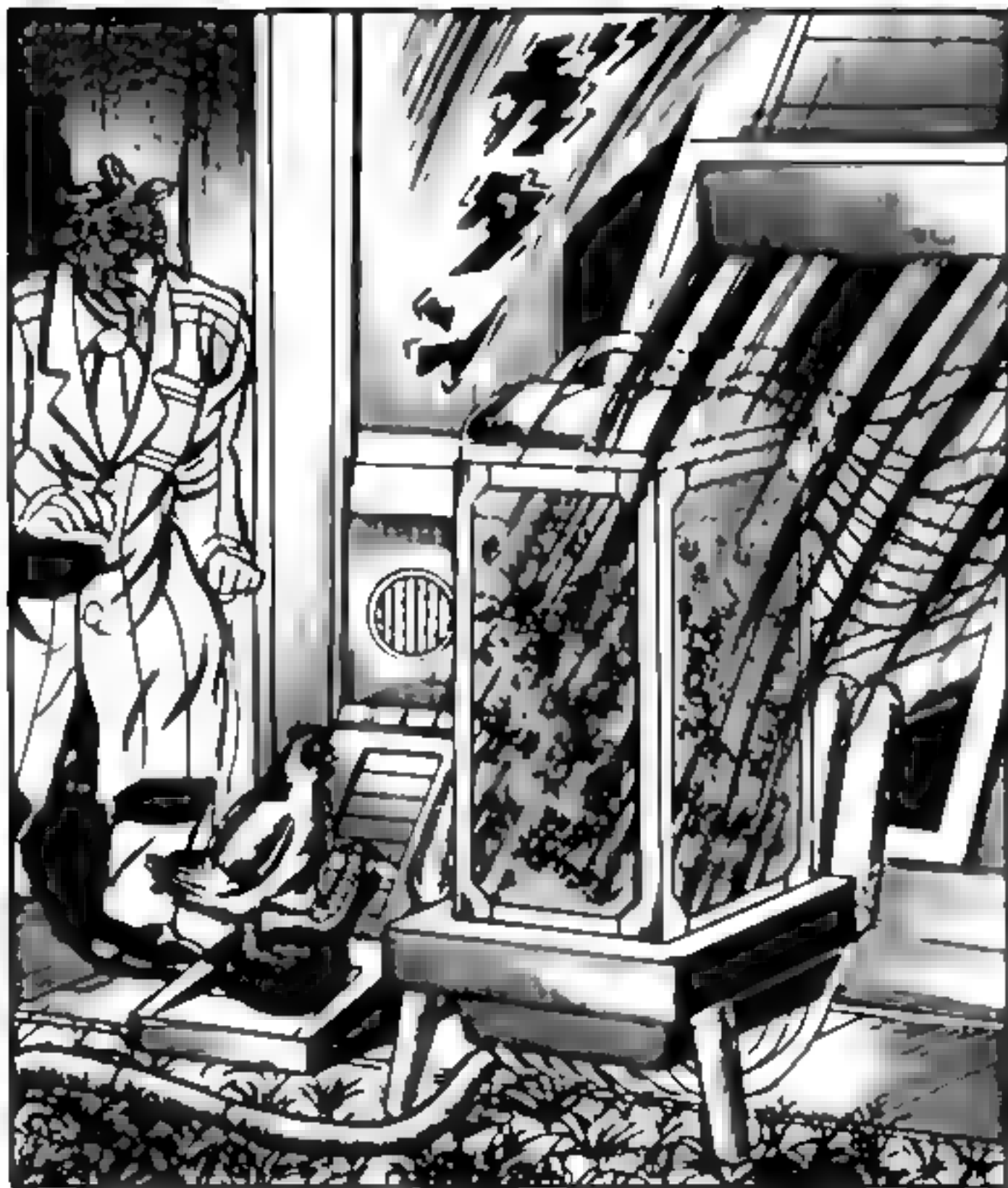
THAT'S
IT,
CHICKEN
LUCY!!



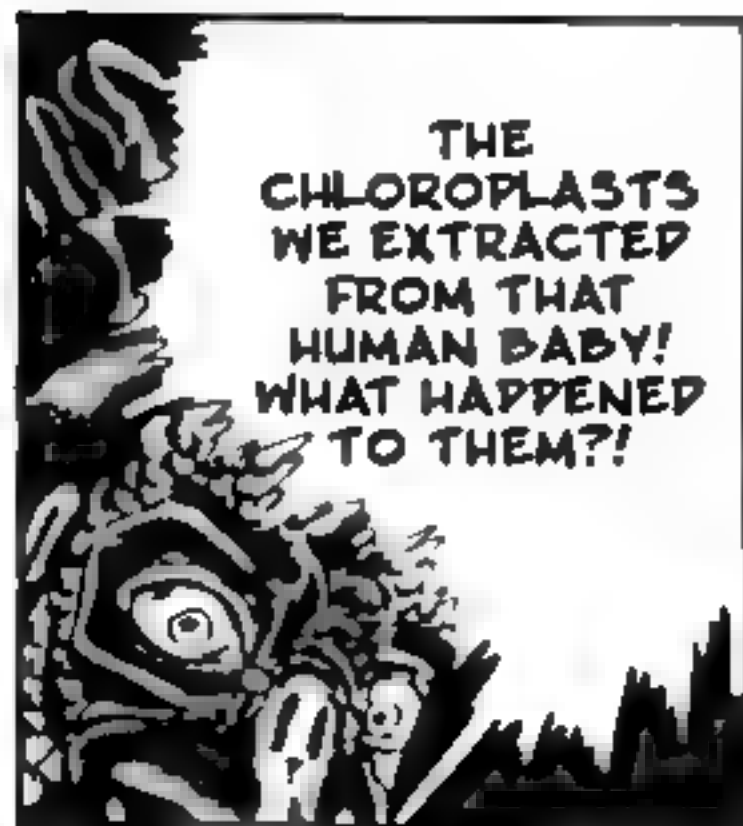
WHAT
GREEN?



WHAT
HAPPENED
TO THE
GREEN?!



SFX. BWAH



THE
CHLOROPLASTS
WE EXTRACTED
FROM THAT
HUMAN BABY!
WHAT HAPPENED
TO THEM?!

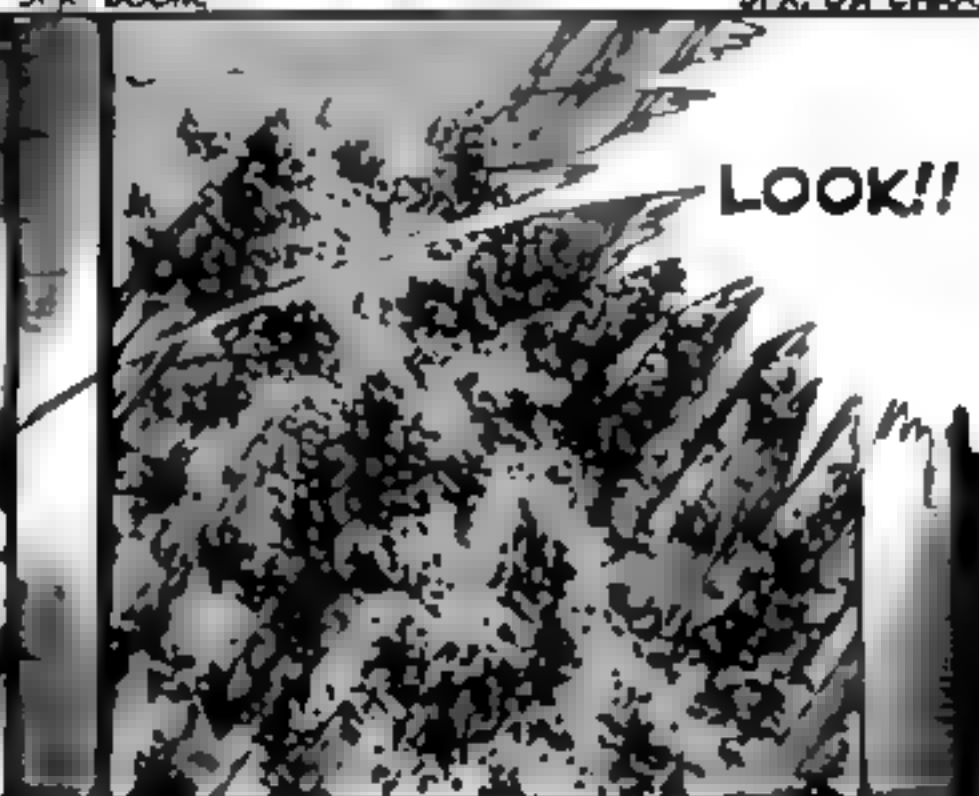


IT'S STILL
GREEN!!

SFX. GA-CHAK



AHH!!



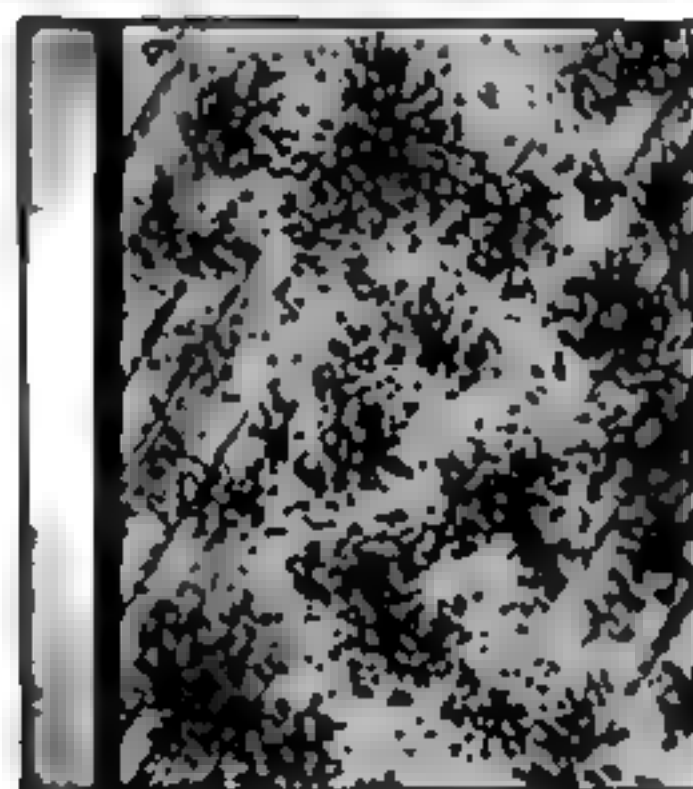
LOOK!!



WHY
?!



IT'S
STILL
GREEN
!!



CHICKEN GEORGE S TERRIFYING DEDUCTION





**NO,
CHICKEN
LUCY!!**



**PLANTS
DOES NOT
POSSESS
INTELLI-
GENCE!!**



**I'M SORRY,
PR. CHICKEN
GEORGE,
BUT I CAN'T
BELIEVE
THAT!!**



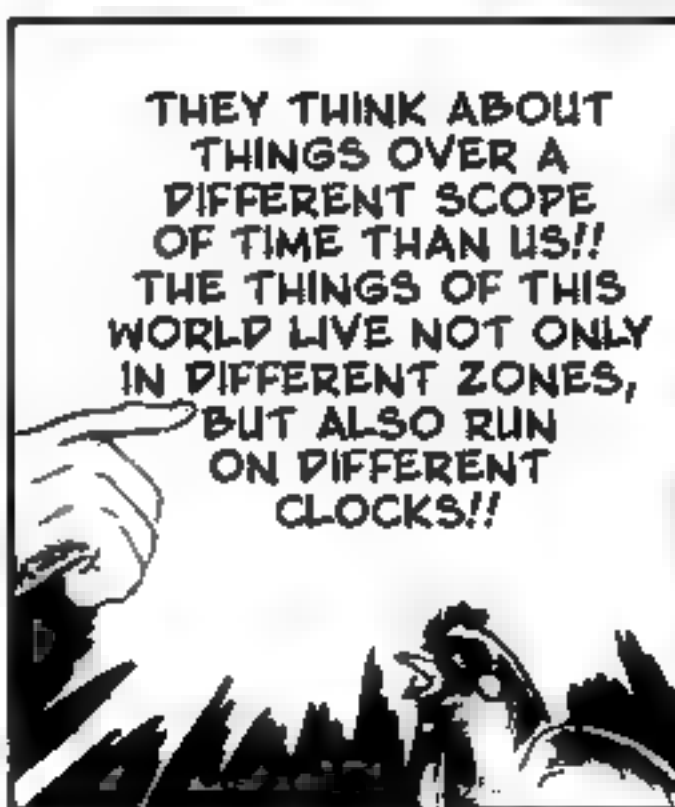
**AND PLANTS
MIGHT BE
THE SMARTEST
OF US ALL!!**



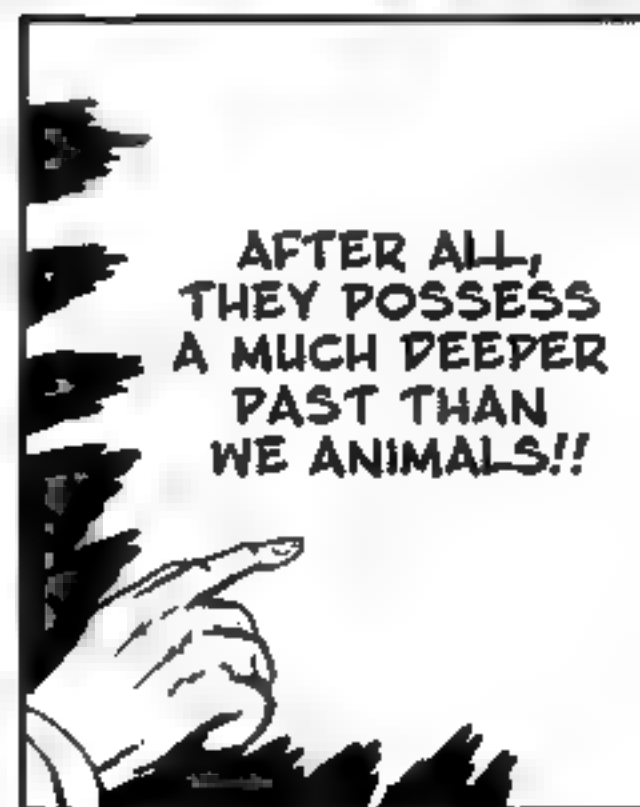
THEY DO!!



**IT'D BE
NO SURPRISE IF
THEY KNEW MORE
ABOUT THE EARTH
THAN ANYONE
ELSE!!**



**THEY THINK ABOUT
THINGS OVER A
DIFFERENT SCOPE
OF TIME THAN US!!
THE THINGS OF THIS
WORLD LIVE NOT ONLY
IN DIFFERENT ZONES,
BUT ALSO RUN
ON DIFFERENT
CLOCKS!!**



**AFTER ALL,
THEY POSSESS
A MUCH DEEPER
PAST THAN
WE ANIMALS!!**



**AND IF THEY KNEW ABOUT THE
EVENTUAL DEMISE OF HUMANITY,
THEN WHY DID THEY CONTINUE
TO STAY WITH THEM?**



THERE
CAN ONLY
BE ONE
ANSWER
!!



EHH
?!



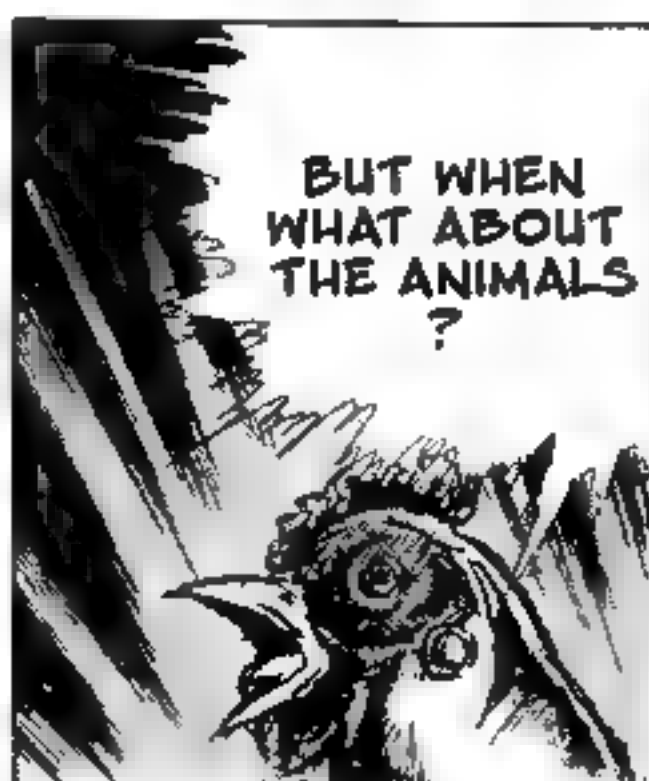
BECAUSE
HUMANITY
WILL OVER-
COME THEIR
DANGER AND
SURVIVE!!



AND THE
PLANTS
KNEW
ABOUT
IT ALL
ALONG!!



DON'T TELL ME
YOU'RE GOING TO
SAY WE CAN'T
ESCAPE INTO
OUTER SPACE?



BUT WHEN
WHAT ABOUT
THE ANIMALS
?



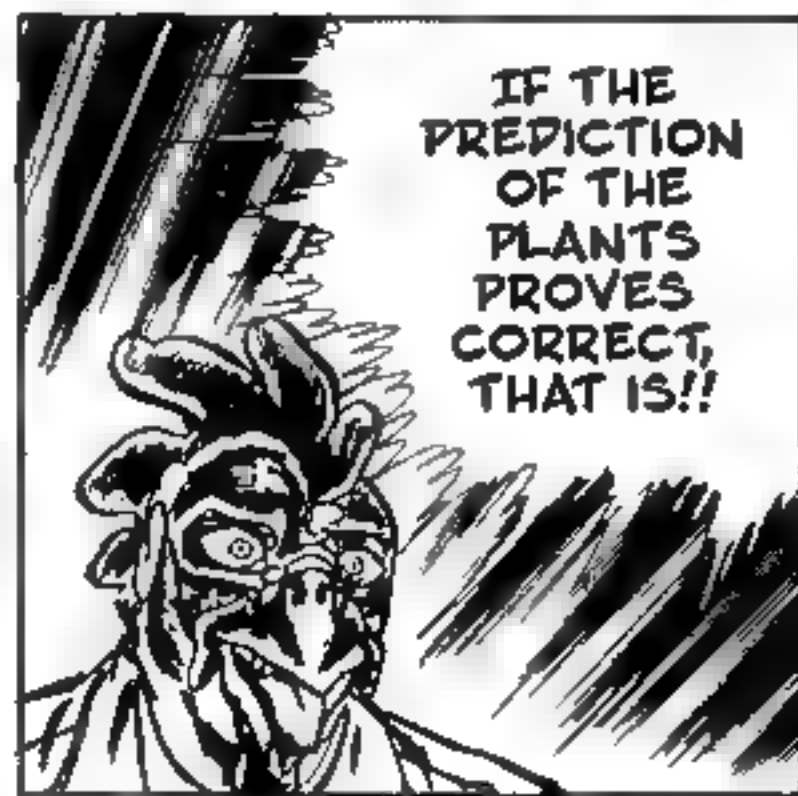
THAT'S
WHY THEY
STAYED
WITH THE
HUMANS!!



**BUT
HISTORY WILL CHANGE!!
NO MATTER WHAT,
I WILL SHOW THE
ENTIRE WORLD THAT
THE ANIMALS CAN
ESCAPE FROM THE
HUMANS' CALAMITY!!**



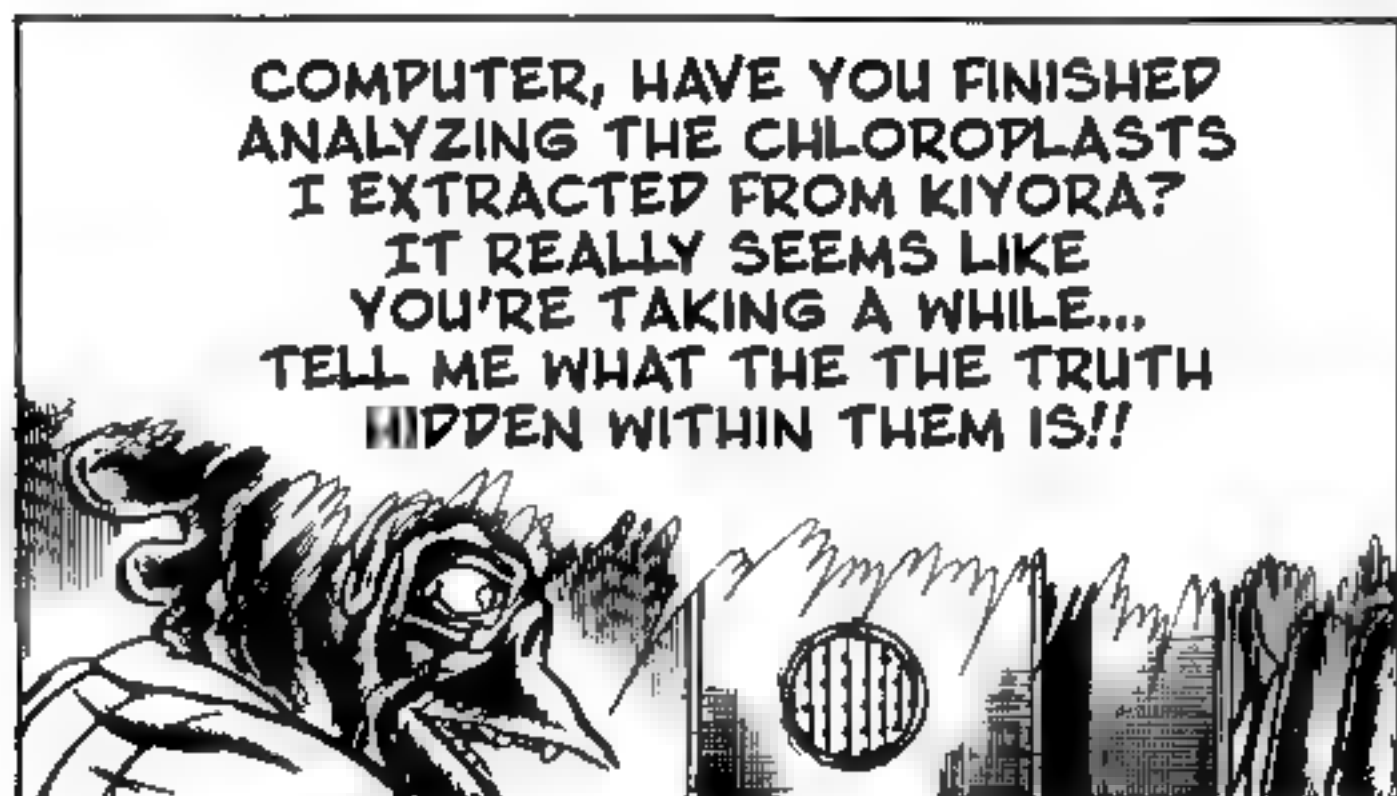
**EXACTLY
!!**



**IF THE
PREDICTION
OF THE
PLANTS
PROVES
CORRECT,
THAT IS!!**



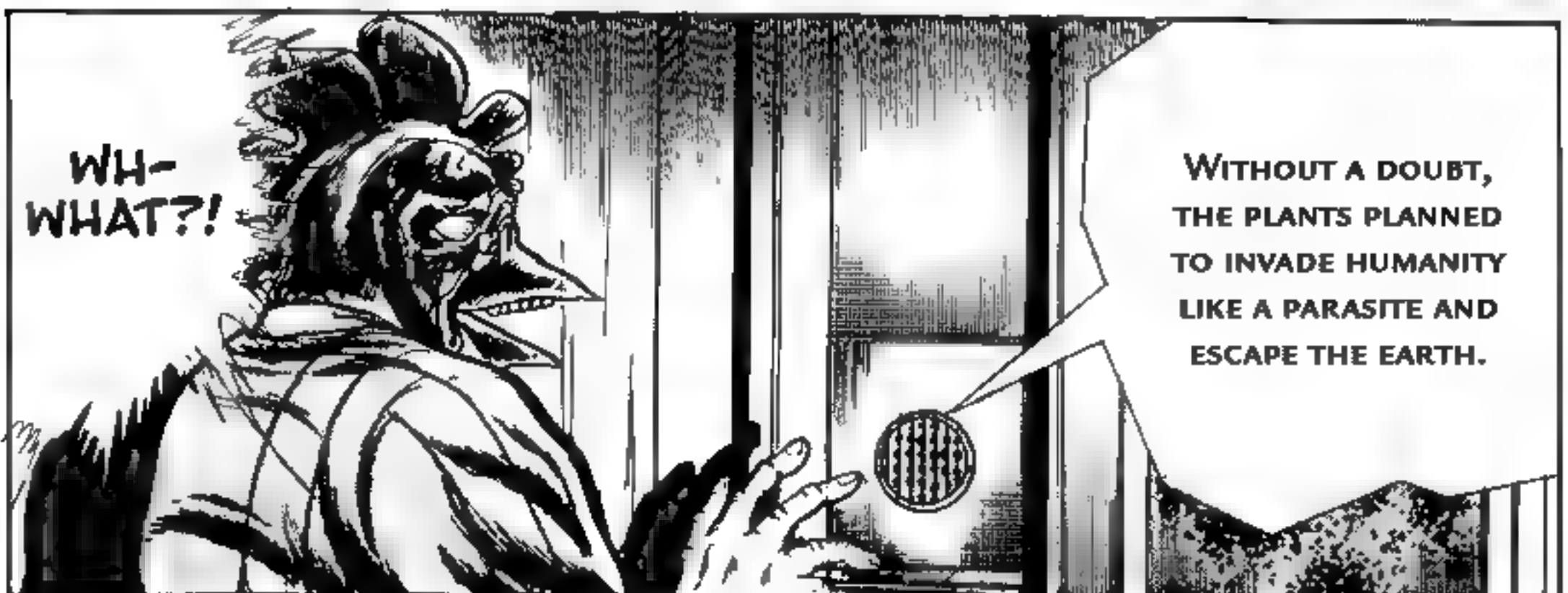
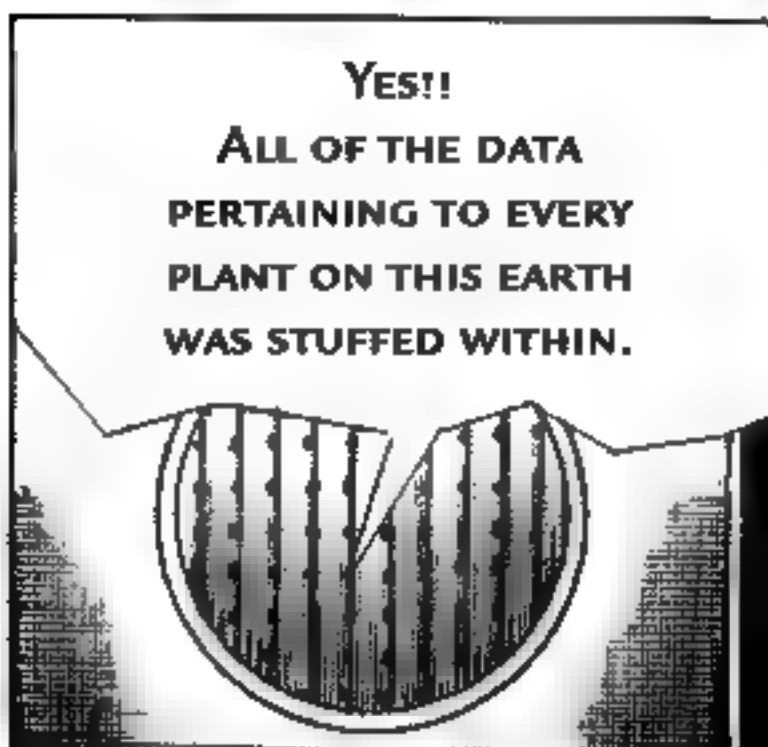
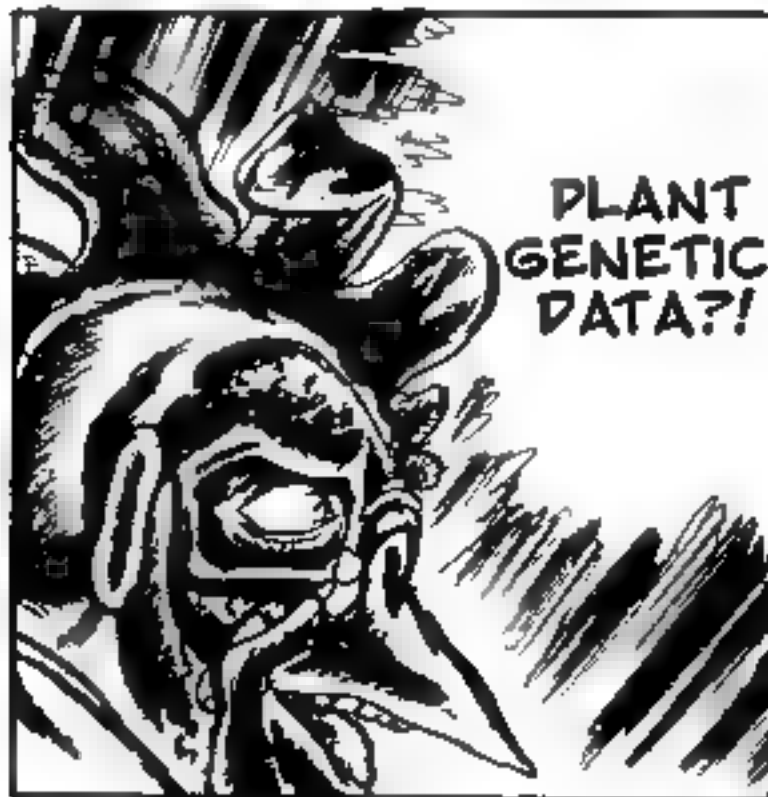
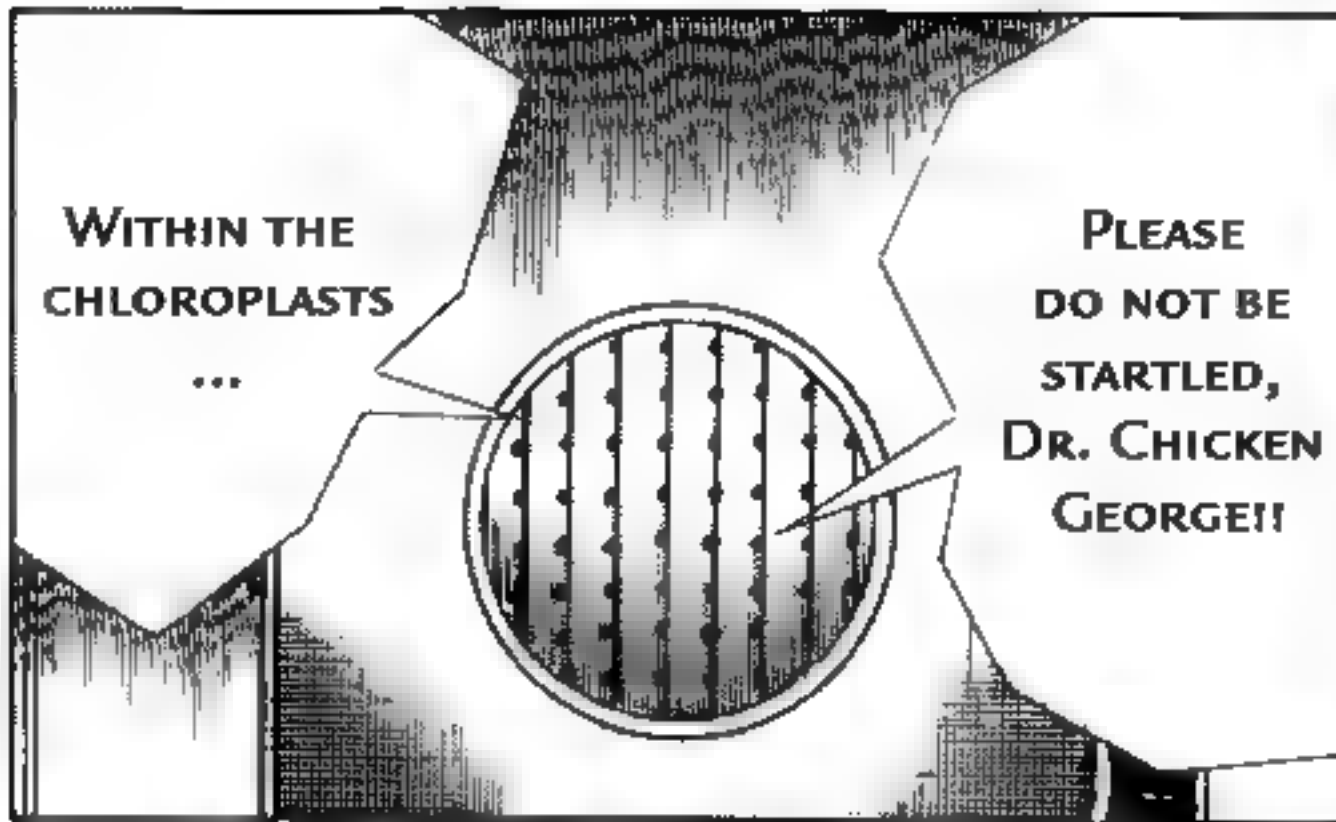
**THE HUMANS ALWAYS
DRAG EVERYTHING
ELSE INTO THEIR OWN
DISASTERS!!
IF THOSE HUMANS BY
CHANCE HAVE SOME HOPE
OF SURVIVING,
I WILL NOT PERMIT IT!!**



**COMPUTER, HAVE YOU FINISHED
ANALYZING THE CHLOROPLASTS
I EXTRACTED FROM KIYORA?
IT REALLY SEEMS LIKE
YOU'RE TAKING A WHILE...
TELL ME WHAT THE THE TRUTH
HIDDEN WITHIN THEM IS!!**



SFX: KA-CHAK.





CHICKEN
LUCY!!



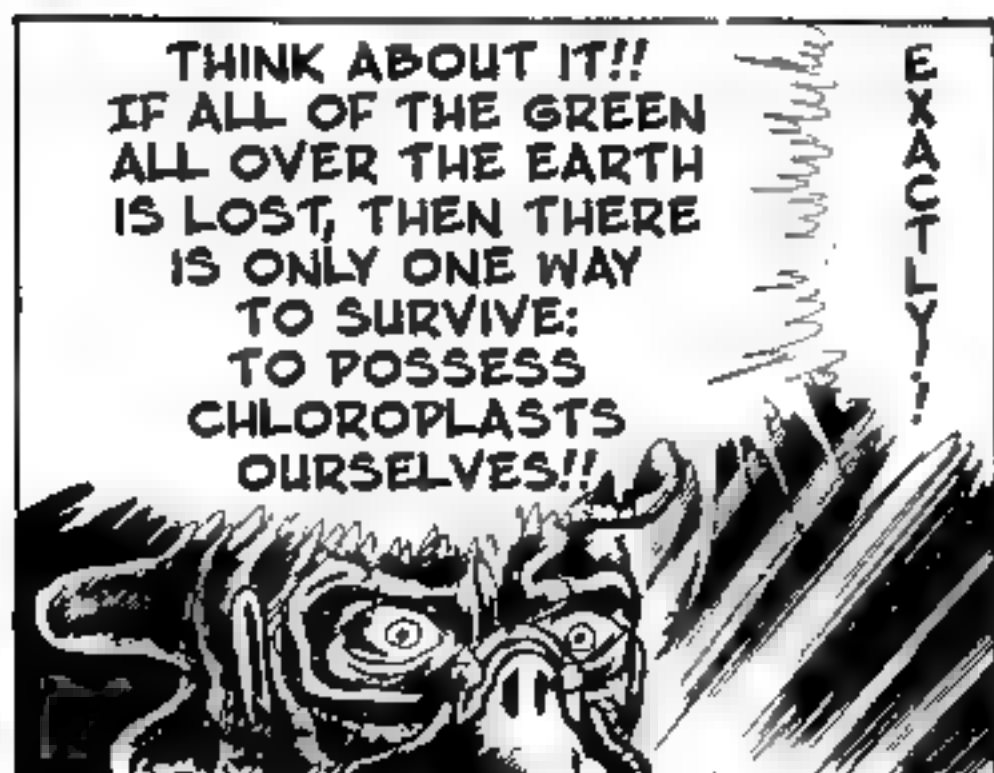
TRANSFUSE
THOSE
CHLORO-
PLASTS
INTO THE
ANIMALS!!



I KNEW
IT!!



THE
CHLORO-
PLASTS
!?



THINK ABOUT IT!!
IF ALL OF THE GREEN
ALL OVER THE EARTH
IS LOST, THEN THERE
IS ONLY ONE WAY
TO SURVIVE:
TO POSSESS
CHLOROPLASTS
OURSELVES!!

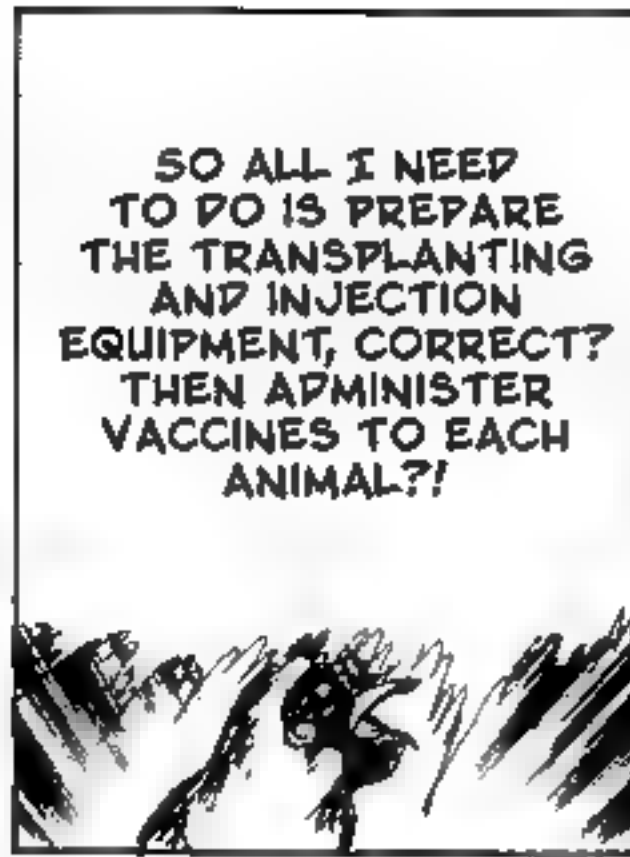
EXACTLY!!



EHH
?!



EXACTLY!!



SO ALL I NEED
TO DO IS PREPARE
THE TRANSPLANTING
AND INJECTION
EQUIPMENT, CORRECT?
THEN ADMINISTER
VACCINES TO EACH
ANIMAL?!



YES
SIR!!

LUCY,
BEGIN
THE PREP-
ARATIONS
AT ONCE!!



KUWAH,
KUWAH!!



OKAY!!

I WILL GO CHECK
ON WHAT IS YET
NEEDED TO
COMPLETE OUR
ESCAPE ROCKET!!



SFX: CLACK CLACK.



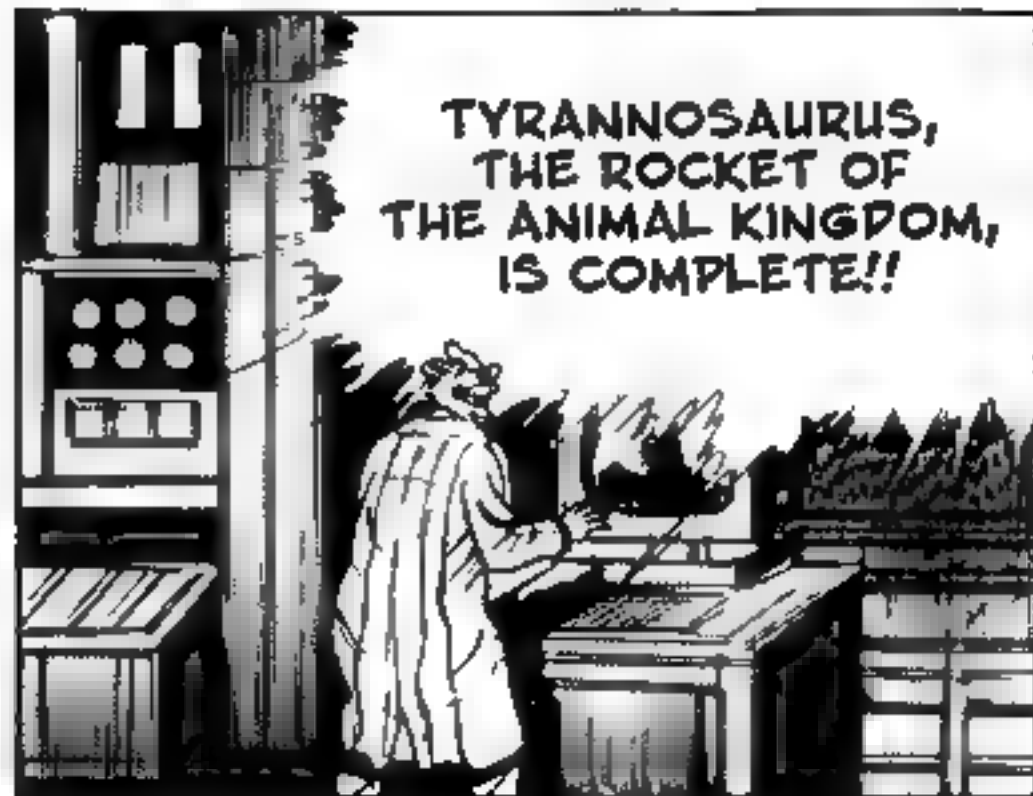
SFX: SNAP.



SFX: BUUN.



SFX: CRACK.



TYRANNOSAURUS,
THE ROCKET OF
THE ANIMAL KINGDOM,
IS COMPLETE!!



IT'S
COMP-
LETE!!



IT SEEMS
THAT THE
ROCKET IS
COMPLETE!!



LUCY!!



SFX: GYAAHHH.



SFX: UOOOHHHH GYAAAAHHH.



ESCAPE!!
ESCAPE!!
ESCAPE FROM
THE HUMANS!!

SFX: UOOOHNNNN.



LET US GO
THROUGH
OUR CHANTS
AS ALWAYS!!



SFX: GYAAAAAH GYAAAAAH.



AS FAR AWAY
FROM THE
CALAMITY OF
HUMANITY AS
POSSIBLE!!

SFX: UOOOHNNNN.

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**HURRY!
HURRY,
ANIMALS,
HURRY!!**

SFX: UOOHHHHH.



**FASTER THAN
THE SPEED AT
WHICH THE
HUMANS WILL
DESTROY THEM-
SELVES!!**

SFX: UOOHHHHH UOOHHHHH.



THEY ALSO
KNOW THAT
DANGER IS
BEFALLING
THEM.

SFX: UOOHHHHH.



THEY HAVE
CLEARLY
UNDERSTOOD
THE WORDS
I HAVE
REPEATED
TO THEM.



AND I CAN FEEL
THAT THEY TOO WANT
TO ESCAPE FROM
HUMANITY AS SOON
AS POSSIBLE.



BUT AT THIS RATE,
EVEN IF WE ESCAPE INTO SPACE,
IT WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE TO CREATE
AN ENVIRONMENT FOR THEM
TO LIVE IN WITH NOTHING BUT
A BUNCH OF DEAD PLANTS.
NOT ONLY THAT,
BUT IT'S DOUBTFUL THAT
THEY'LL EVEN BE ABLE
TO SURVIVE.



BUT EVEN IF THE
ANIMALS DO DIE,
I STILL HAVE
THEIR GENETIC
DATA STORED IN
MY COMPUTER.



REGARDLESS,
HOWEVER,
I STILL WANT
TO ESCAPE
WITH ALL THE
ANIMALS ALIVE.



AND IN ORDER
FOR THAT TO HAPPEN,
I WILL HAVE TO
TRANSFER THE
CHLOROPLASTS
INTO THEIR BODIES.

SFX: UOOOHHH.



EHHH?!

CHICKEN LUCY!!
WE'LL START THE
CHLOROPLAST
TRANSFER
WITH YOU.



OF COURSE!!
AFTER ALL,
YOU ARE
THE MOST
IMPORTANT
CREATURE
TO ME.



THANK
YOU,
CHICKEN
GEORGE.
THAT
REALLY
MAKES ME
HAPPY.



OH MY!!
I GET TO
GO FIRST?



I'M JUST
AFRAID
THAT YOUR
BODY MIGHT
REJECT IT.



LET'S
BEGIN AT
ONCE.





AFTER ALL,
THESE ARE
CHLOROPLASTS
THAT WERE
EXTRACTED FROM
A HUMAN BODY,
AND ANIMAL
GENES ARE
KNOWN TO
HAVE AN
INBRED HATE
OF HOMO
SAPIENS.



ALRIGHT,
CHICKEN
LUCY...
ARE YOU
READY?



SFX: KA-CHAK.



SINCE I GET
TO GO FIRST,
THAT MEANS
I'LL BE THE
GUINEA PIG FOR
ALL THE OTHER
ANIMALS.



YES!!



I KNOW WHAT
YOU'RE ABOUT
TO SAY TO ME,
DOCTOR.



THAT'S
EXACTLY
RIGHT,
CHICKEN
LUCY.



T-THAT'S
RIGHT!!

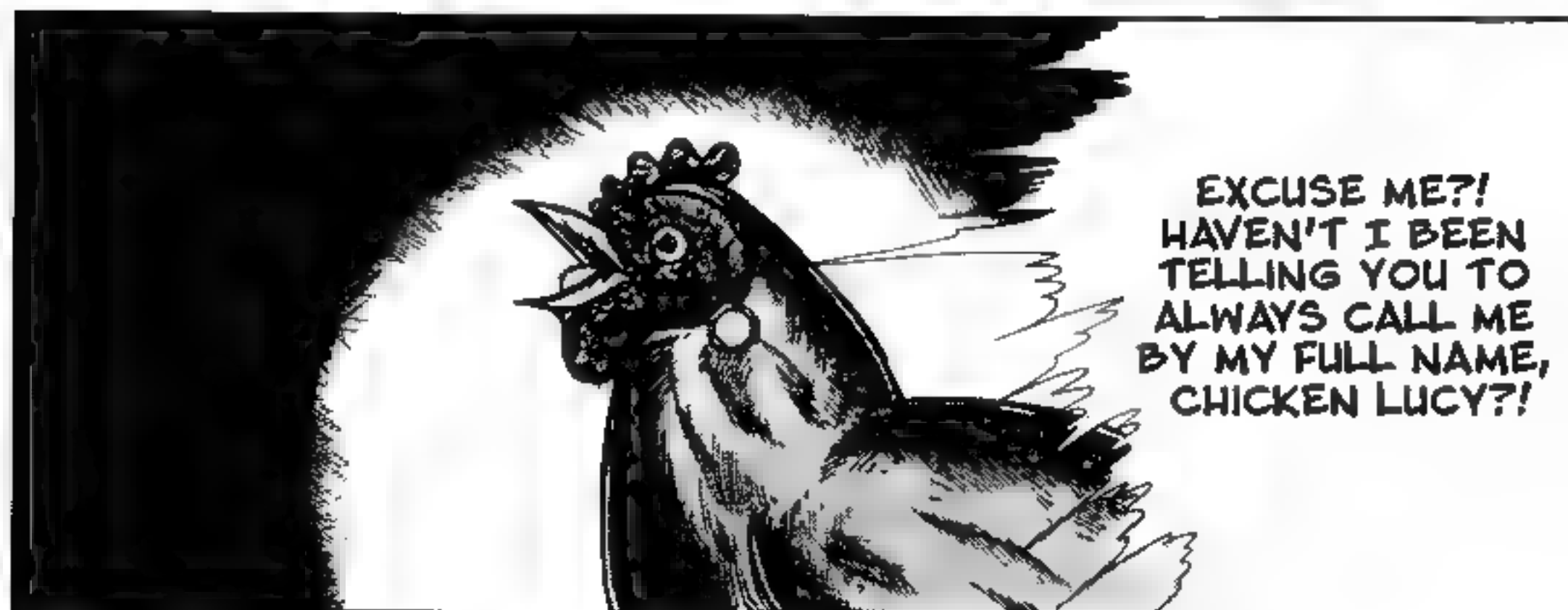


THANK
YOU,
LUCY!!

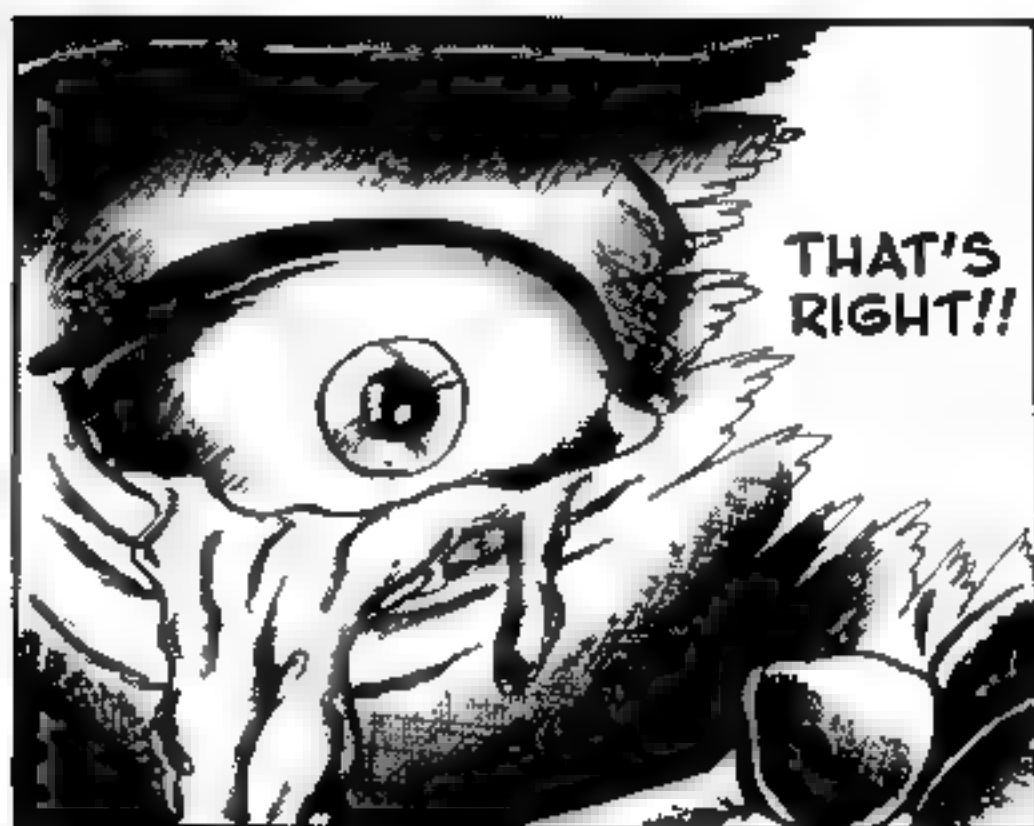


YOU'VE BECOME
SO INTELLIGENT...
NO, YOUR
INTELLIGENCE
HAS EVOLVED!!

HOW
SHOCK-
ING!!

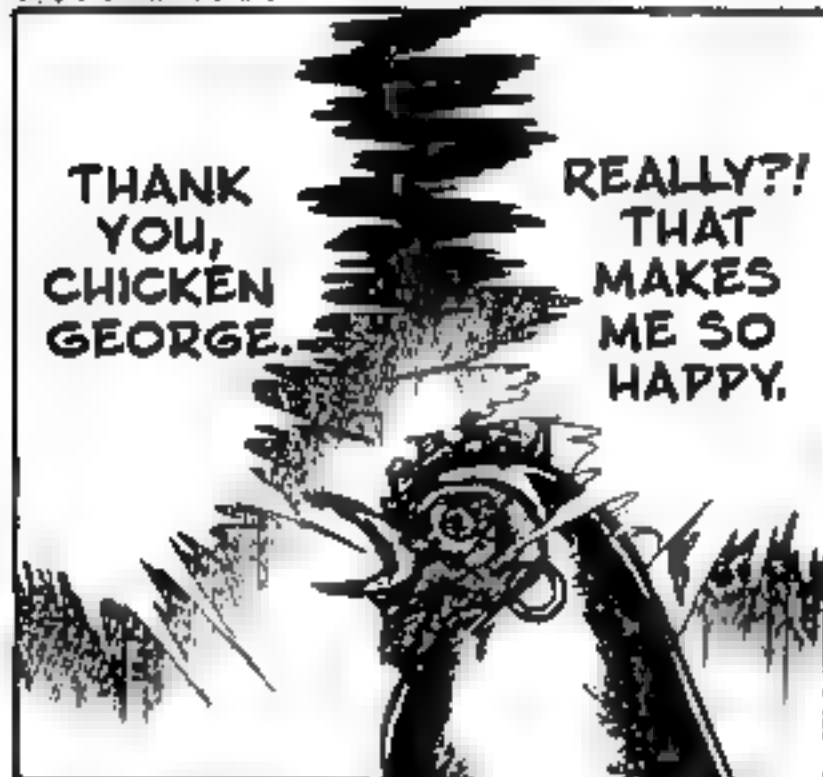


EXCUSE ME?!
HAVEN'T I BEEN
TELLING YOU TO
ALWAYS CALL ME
BY MY FULL NAME,
CHICKEN LUCY?!



THAT'S
RIGHT!!

SFX: DRIP DRIP.



THANK
YOU,
CHICKEN
GEORGE.

REALLY?!
THAT
MAKES
ME SO
HAPPY.



I LOVE
YOU,
CHICKEN
LUCY.



MMM.



NOW,
LET'S GET
THIS OVER
WITH.



A LITTLE
GREEN DOT
ON MY RED
COCKSCOMB
WOULD BE
QUITE
ELEGANT.



ON MY
COCK-
SCOMB.



WHERE
WOULD
YOU LIKE
IT?!



SFX: GRIP.

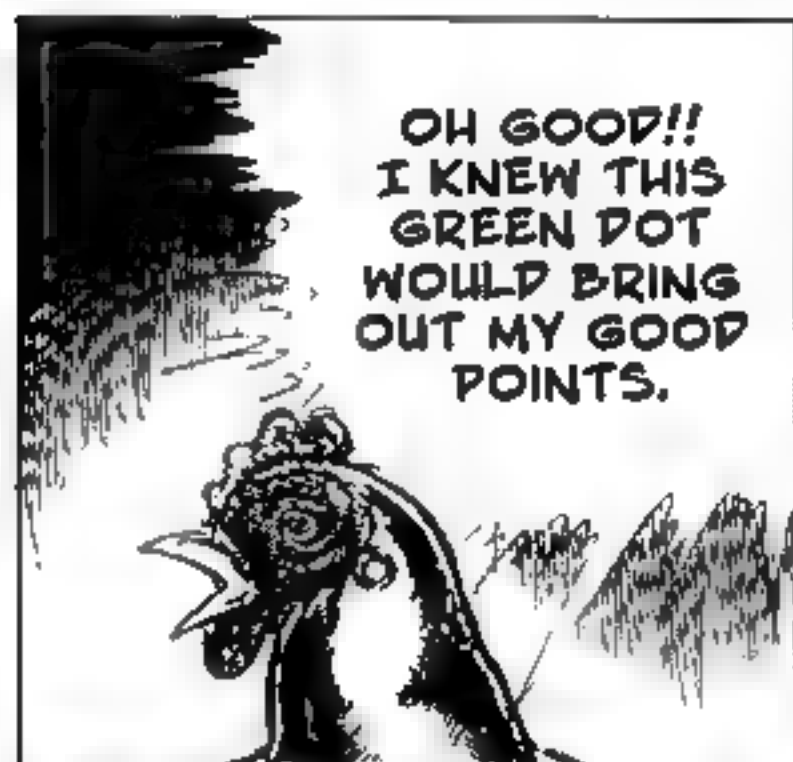


SFX: BSSH.





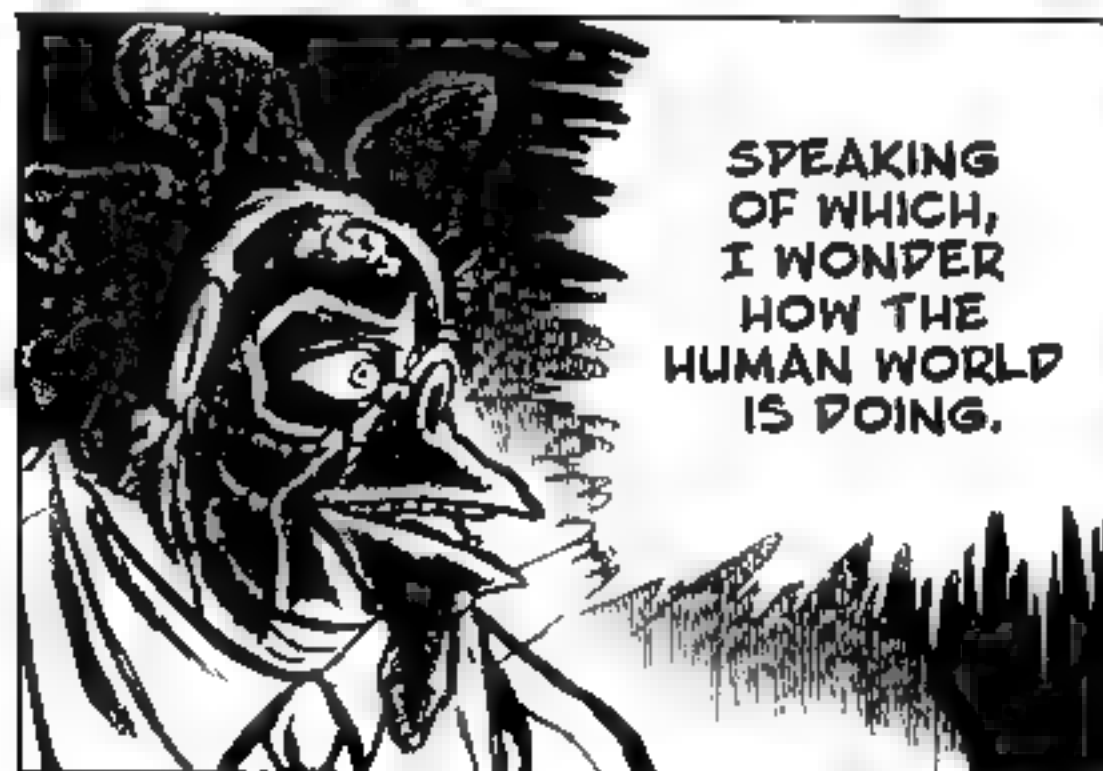
IT REALLY
FITS YOU.



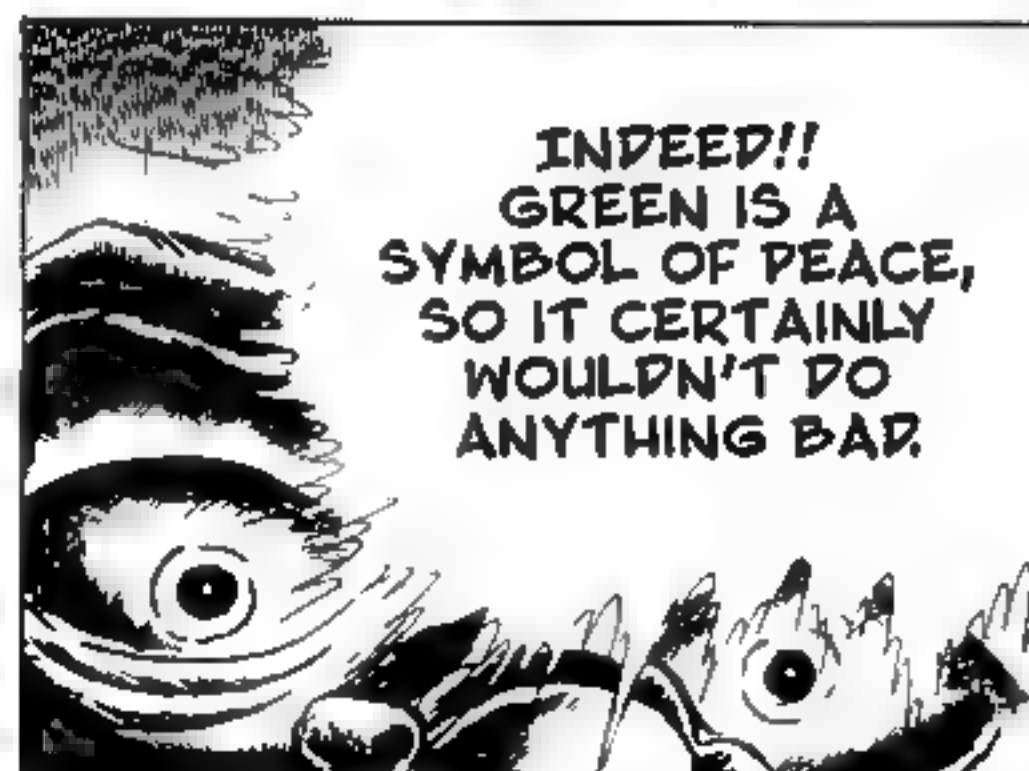
OH GOOD!!
I KNEW THIS
GREEN DOT
WOULD BRING
OUT MY GOOD
POINTS.



WELL?



SPEAKING
OF WHICH,
I WONDER
HOW THE
HUMAN WORLD
IS DOING.



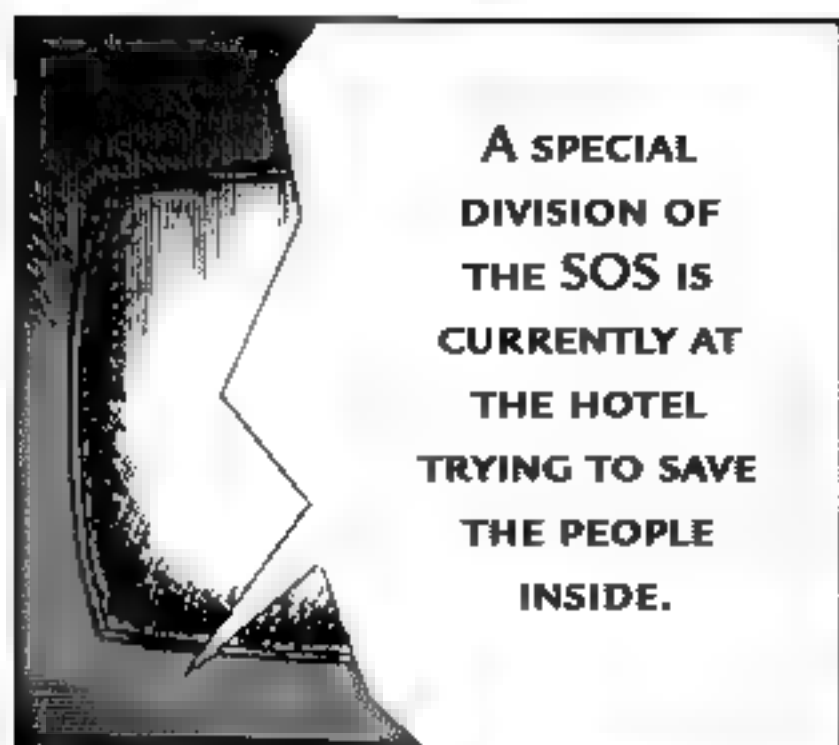
INDEED!!
GREEN IS A
SYMBOL OF PEACE,
SO IT CERTAINLY
WOULDN'T DO
ANYTHING BAD.



THE
GOVERNMENT
FAKED SOME
NEWS IN ORDER
TO KEEP THE
PEOPLE'S EYES
OFF NATURE'S
WITHERING.



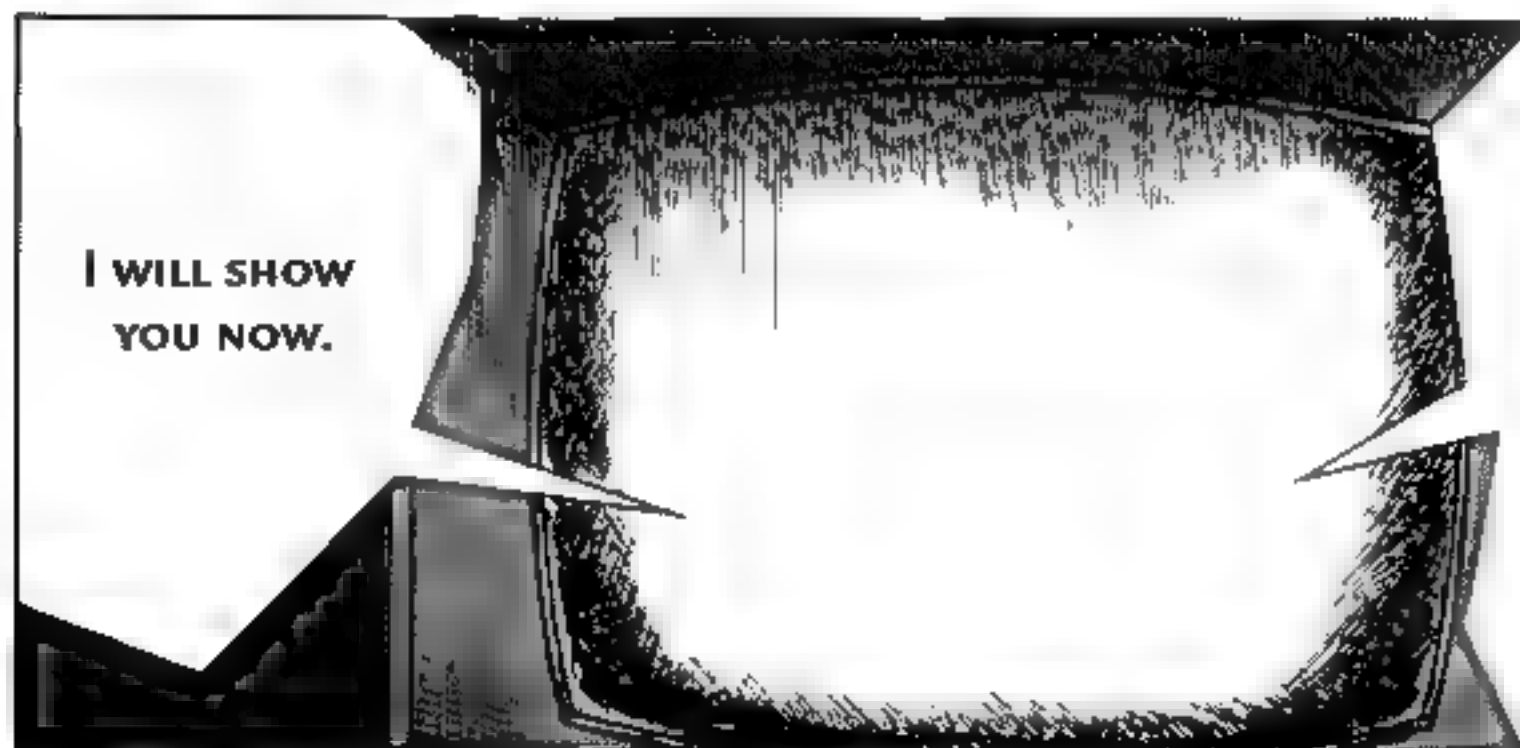
YES,
SIR.



A SPECIAL
DIVISION OF
THE SOS IS
CURRENTLY AT
THE HOTEL
TRYING TO SAVE
THE PEOPLE
INSIDE.



COMPUTER,
WHAT HAPPENED
TO THE NEWS
AFTER THAT?
SHOW ME!

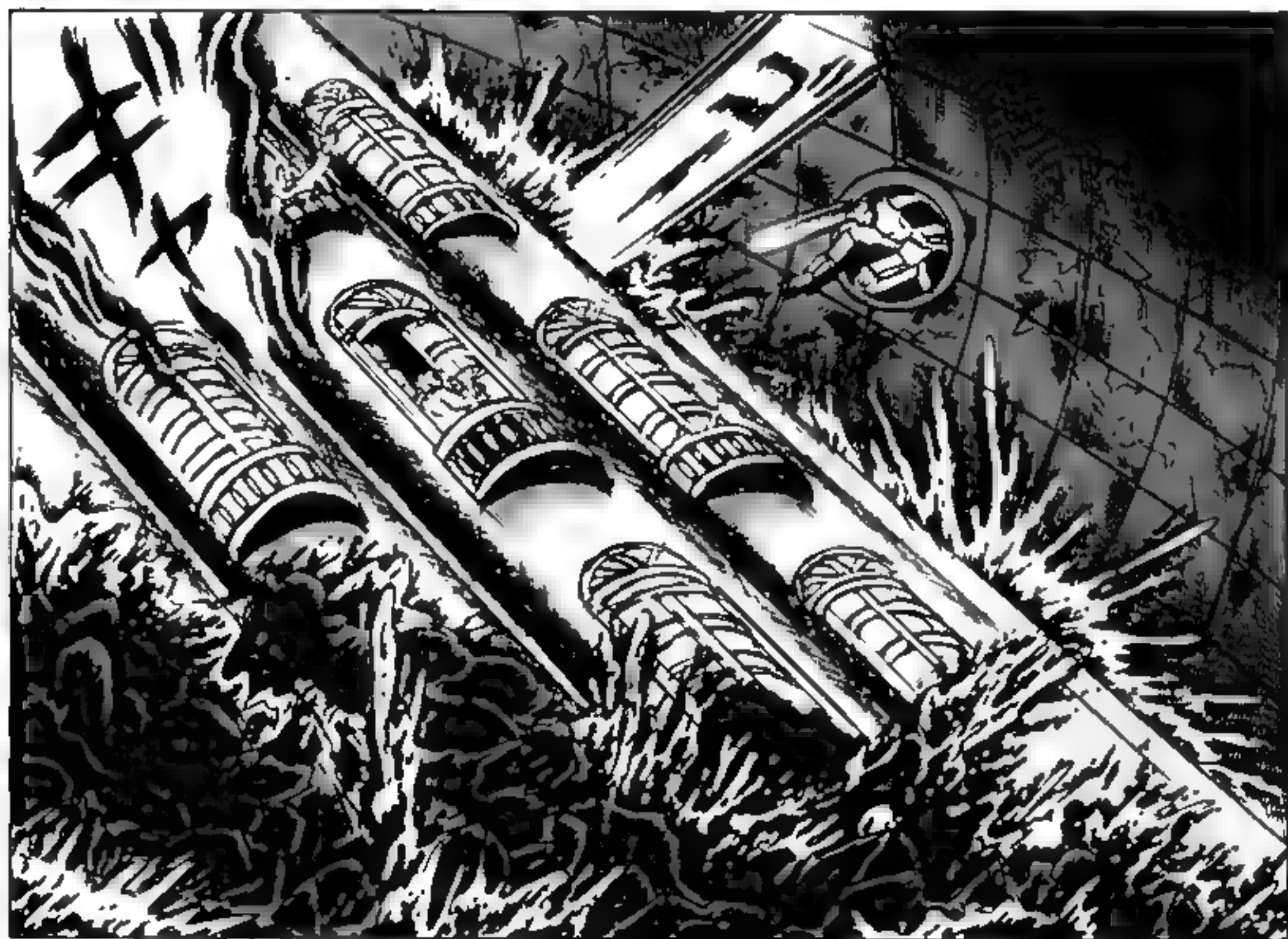
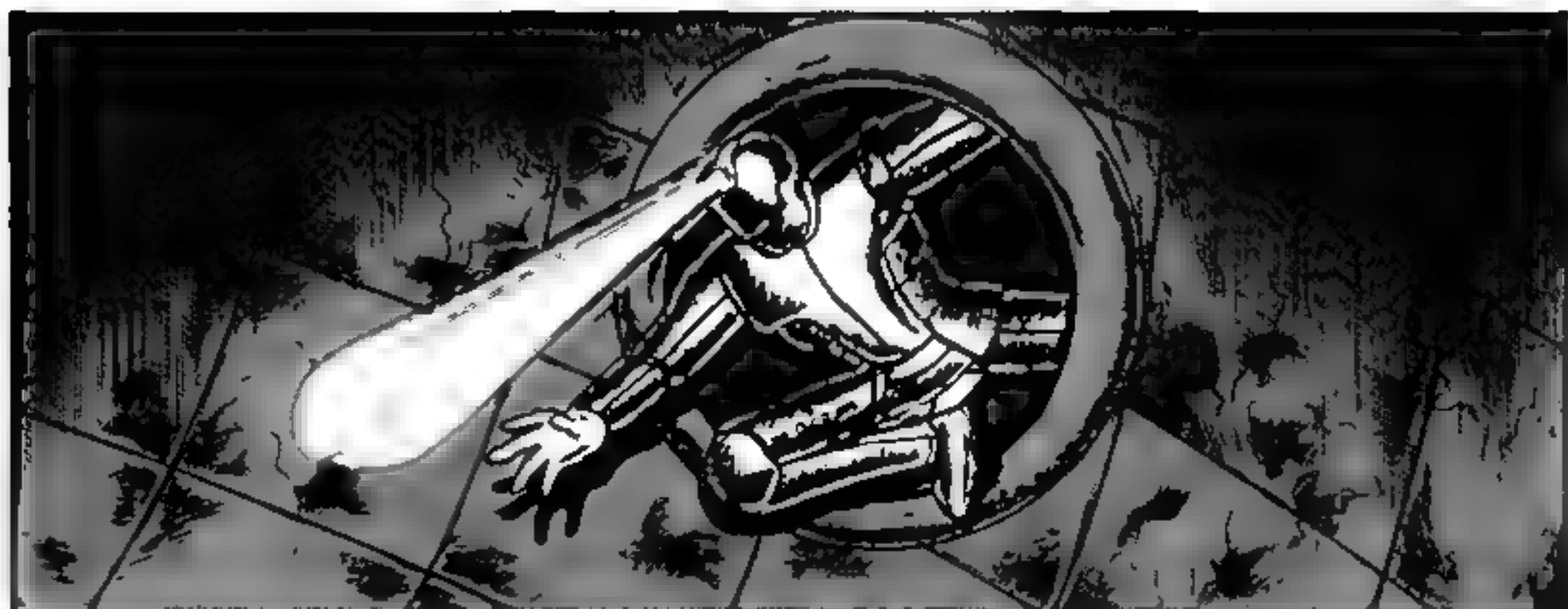


I WILL SHOW
YOU NOW.

THE GOVERNMENT
ALSO MADE IT SO
THAT SOME FAMILY
MEMBERS OF THE
PEOPLE IN THIS DIVISION
WOULD BE STAYING
AT THE HOTEL.



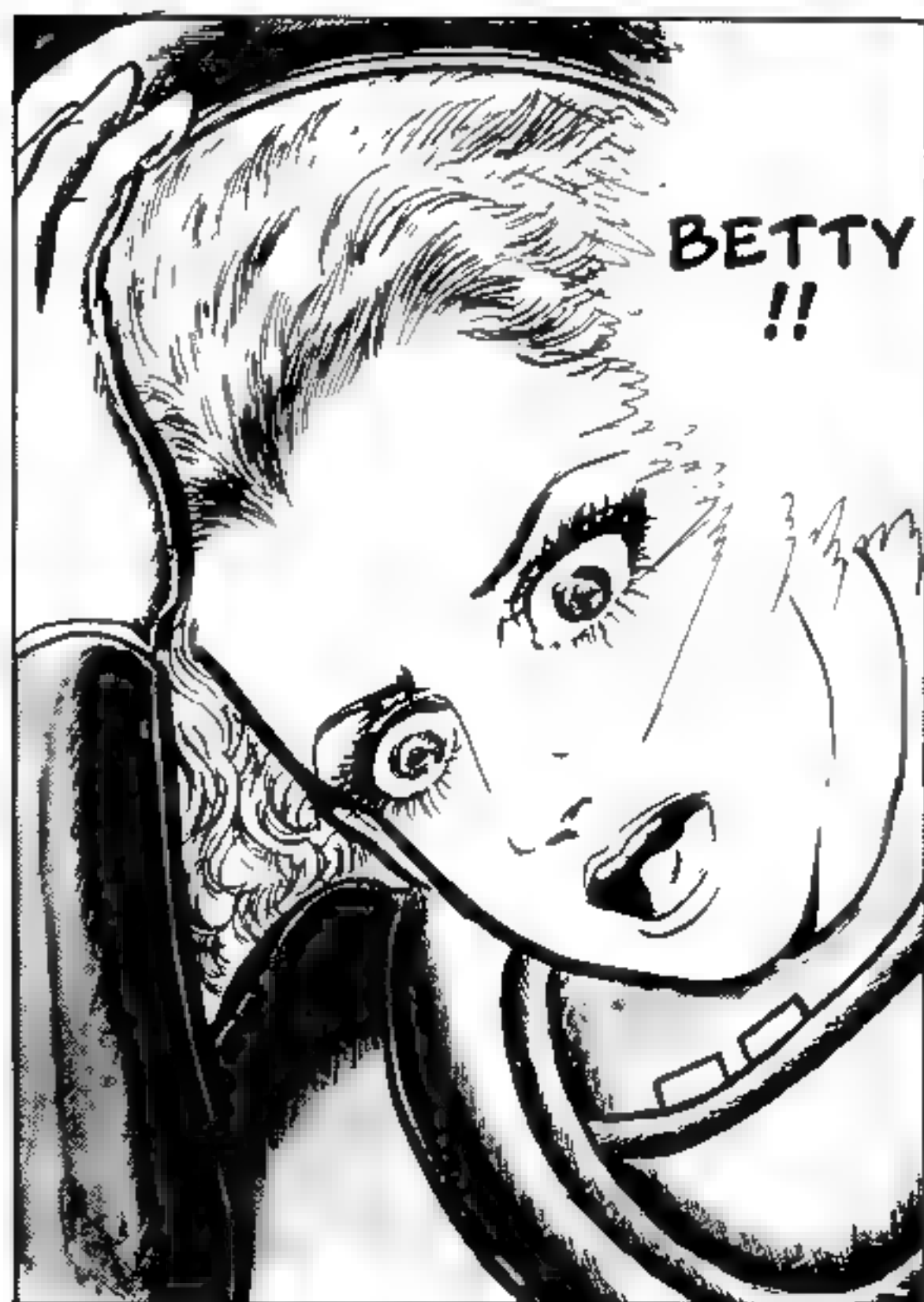
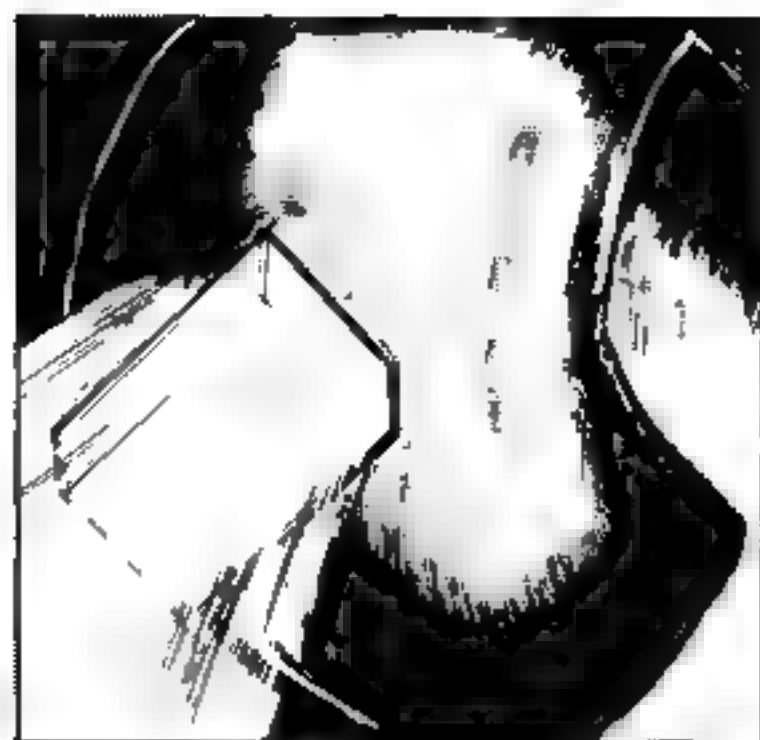
HERE IS THE
SOS DIVISION!



SFX: GYAAAH.

SFX: BOOM.

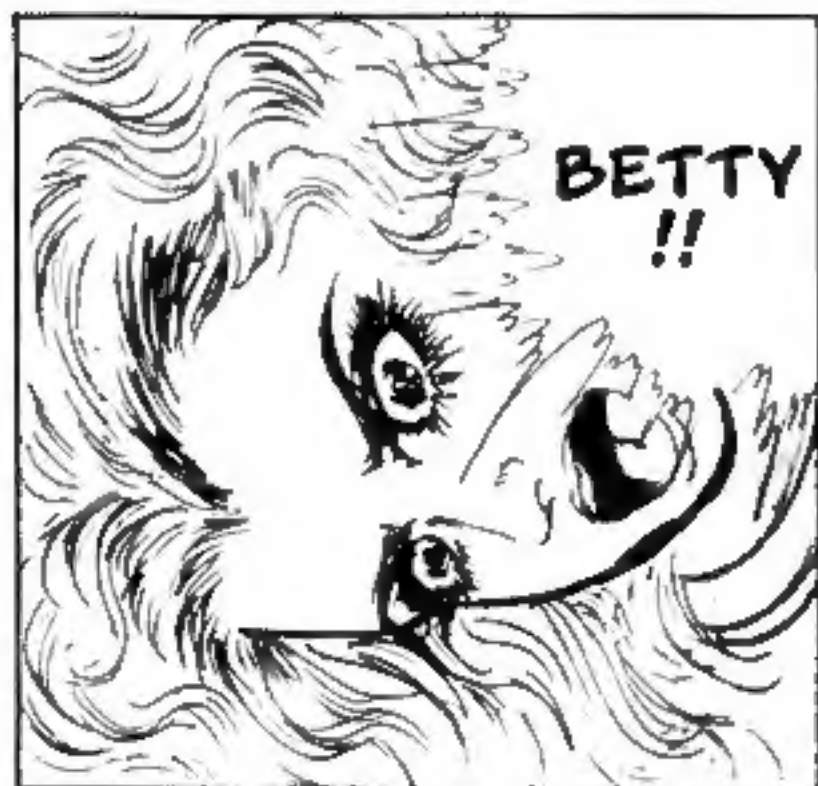




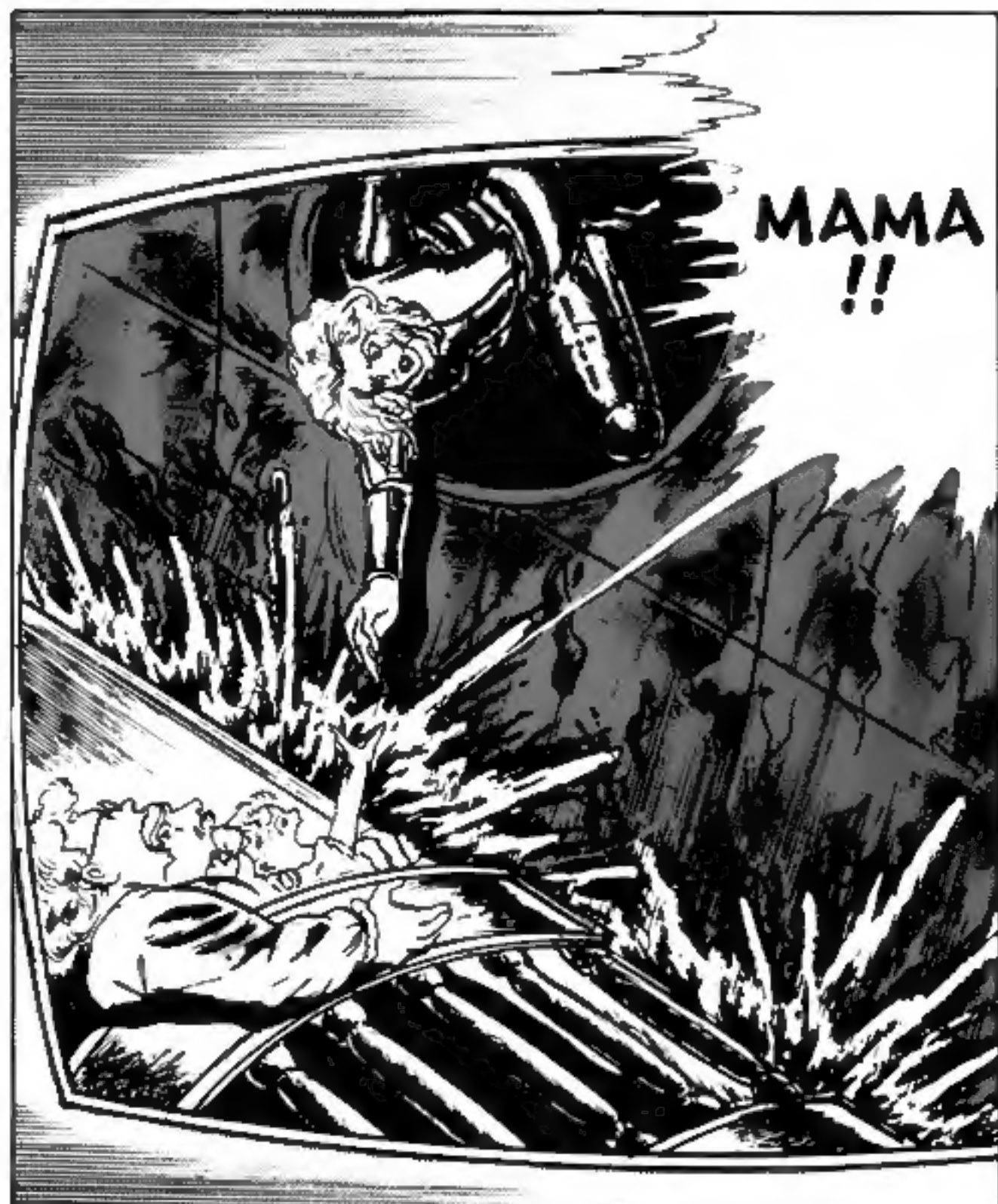
SFX: GA-CHAK







SFX: JERK.



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